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THINKS THE HAGUE COULD SETTLE IT

Speaker Says U. S. Should Submit Canal Dispute to Arbitration

FALSE TO HER TRADITIONS

Everitt Wheeler Delivers Address at Opening Session of Society for Settlement of International Disputes.

Washington, Dec. 20.—That the United States should submit to arbitration the Panama canal controversy between Great Britain and this country was the declaration made tonight by Everitt P. Wheeler, of New York, at the opening session here of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

"It is inconceivable," he asserted, "that after the United States has settled by arbitration far more important controversies between itself and Great Britain than any that can possibly arise with reference to the Panama canal, it should refuse to refer to an impartial tribunal, formed in pursuance of a treaty which the United States itself proposed, this pure question of law as to what the Hay-Pauncefote treaty means."

The speaker scouted the idea that it would be impossible to procure unbiased and impartial arbitrators. He said this was "doing moral injustice to the judges who form the panel of the high court at The Hague, who are not arbitrators put forward by each nation to maintain its own interests, but judges of high character, learning and ability.

"Insofar as The Hague tribunal is concerned," Mr. Wheeler continued, "most of the judges are citizens of nations that have but a trifling interest in the controversy or perhaps none at all. But if it were otherwise, it would be better a thousand times that the United States should submit its case to this tribunal than that it should be false to its plighted faith and the honorable traditions of 125 years."

More than usual interest attached to this year's meeting of the society because of the important international questions at stake, both at home and abroad, among them the Balkan, Panama and Mexican situations.

World-wide public opinion would support the judgment of a wise and capable international court in the majority of cases which might be brought to it for settlement, declared Joseph E. Davies, of Madison, Wis.

Thomas Willingbach, of Philadelphia, expressed the opinion that many improvements might be made in the existing code of international law and that much could be accomplished through constructive legislation by future peace congresses.

PROBABLY BE IN CABINET.

Senator Overman Has No Doubt About Josephus Daniels.

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Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Lee S. Overman, who returned from Trenton today, where yesterday he presented the claims of Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, for a cabinet place in President-elect Wilson's cabinet, said he has no doubt that Mr. Daniels will be given a place in Mr. Wilson's "official family circle. "Of course," said the junior Senator, "Mr. Wilson did not make any promises as to Mr. Daniels or any one else being taken care of under the new administration. You may say for me, however, that I have strong convictions that Mr. Daniels will be given a cabinet place." Senator Overman said he had a very pleasant and most satisfactory half hour with President-to-be Wilson. He said Mr. Wilson was greatly pleased when told that a number of alumni of Davidson College would occupy a prominent place in the inaugural parade March 4th. Senator Overman left Washington tonight for Salisbury to spend the Christmas holidays. P. R. A.

FREEDMAN'S RIGHTS EQUAL

Many Participate In Distribution of Indian Lands

Washington, December 20. — The right of 5,000 Cherokee Freedmen to participate in the deliberation of the lands and funds belonging to the Cherokee Indian nation, was sustained today by Judge Anderson, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court. The court sustained the government's demurrer to a suit of the Keetowah Society to restrain the Secretary of the Interior from permitting the Freedmen participation in the property. The case was dismissed.

The Freedmen claim that their shares in the property run anywhere from $5,000,000 to $50,000,000. The Keetowah Society is composed of full-bred Cherokees in Oklahoma.

The Freedmen are the descendents of slaves of the Cherokees and are of mixed Indian and negro blood. The court in dismissing the suit said the Freedmen were clearly entitled to equal rights with the native Cherokees. The Freedmen have the right of appeal.

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BLAIR IS NOT GUILTY

Acquitted of the Charge of Murdering Freight Agent Thompson at Greensboro—Jury Deliberated All Night

Greensboro, N. C., December 20.—The jury in the case of William F. Blair, charged with the murder of George G. Thompson, former division freight agent of the Southern Railway, returned a verdict of not guilty this morning. Deliberations by the jury began last night.

Blair, who had for five years been employed in the office with Thompson, had received a note from his superior containing his dismissal, just previous to the killing.

Thompson visited the Blair home in response to a request from the discharged employe. A few minutes after his entrance in the Blair home he was shot and killed. There were no eye witnesses to the killing.

On the witness stand in the trial Blair testified that he killed Thompson after the latter had attacked him.

Touching Scenes Follow Verdict.

When the verdict was rendered this morning the scene was one to touch the strongest. At 9:30 o'clock court opened and another immense crowd was in attendance. For an hour they sat almost motionless, awaiting the verdict. The prisoner occupied his accustomed seat, the aged, grey haired mother just behind him, and sisters and brothers and near kin grouped nearby. The little wife, who has so bravely stood by her husband, was absent—unable to longer stand the great strain. About the face of the prisoner there was an expression of great pain—it was drawn and twitched as though from pain. It was said that he had begun to despair as the hours wore on and no verdict came. During the first hour he would frequently assume an expression of deep regret and despair.

The jurors filed in slowly and the silence as the clerk called the names of each was dramatic. Solicitor Gattis called for the prisoner to stand up and after a short pause he arose. Trembling and with an effort he raised his right hand. Then came the two words which brought freedom and joy and happiness in one home—gloom in another at Atlanta, for to George Thompson's widow and orphan child the jury had said that it was their husband and father who had murder in his heart when he went to Blair's home after discharging Blair and for the purpose of talking the matter over. Thompson went to the home at Blair's request by telephone, shortly after Blair had received a letter of dismissal from Thompson, who was division freight agent of the Southern Railway and under whom Blair had, for six years served as chief clerk.

As the words "not guilty" fell from the lips of the jury's spokesman, the prisoner swooned slightly and burst into tears. He quickly was crushed against the bosom of the mother, a woman of kindly face and gentle bearing and for several minutes no effort was made to stop the sway of their emotions. The sisters and brothers, too, bent forward to plant a passionate kiss on the face of the man who just a minute before had stood in the shadow of death. With the verdict, the crowd, which during the period had stood almost breathless, began to move. There came a yell from possibly a dozen throats, but no effort at a demonstration was made. With the formal discharge of the prisoner, he, with mother and kin, went into the rear lobby of the court room, where the jurors had waited. The scene here was the most pitiful of all. The mother, tears trickling down her face, wept upon the shoulders of the men whom, she declared, had freed her son and almost joyously she would cry: "God is just—oh I know he was just."

Then with a rush and joyous cries and sobs, the little wife came up the long winding steps, almost two at a time. "My boy, Oh, my boy." she sobbed joyously and turning just as she reached him, the young husband was quickly clasped to her breast. Passionately they kissed and cried, the scene lasting fully a minute. Sheriffs soon cleared the gathering throng and automobiles were called to convey the husband, wife, mother, sisters and brothers to the pretty little home where the tragedy which has hung as a dark cloud over two homes for nearly two months was enacted. On the streets deputies had to clear a passage, a crowd of more than a thousand gathering in the small space between the court steps and the automobiles. There were again no cheers, the people standing rather with bared heads. Blair free and vindicated by a jury, had to be carried from the building. He had collapsed and as he went through the line of people his face was drawn and tears trickled between the creases. He could not have looked worse had he been condemned rather than freed. The wife smiled and her face was the picture of great joy. As the automobile carrying wife and husband and mother moved down the Elm street block, she waved to friends.

Blair and his wife, accompanied by the mother and other kin who have been here from Wilkesboro, will leave tomorrow morning for that place. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blair will in future make their home at Wilkesboro. A sister of Mrs. Blair, Mrs. C. V. Palmer, of Charlotte, and her husband, have also been in constant attendance at the trial.

In the noted case just closed Blair was represented perhaps by one of the ablest arrays of counsel ever gathered inside a criminal bar on a single case in this section. Judge W. P. Bynum, R. R. King, E. J. Justice, E. D. Broadhurst, A. B. Kimball, of Greensboro, and T. B. Finley, of Winston, and W. W. Barber, of Wilkesboro, prepared and magnificently presented his defense. For the State Solicitor Gattis, former Solicitor A. L. Brooks, John N. Wilson and G. S. Ferguson, Jr., as ably and as faithfully fought for what they conceived to be justice.

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WILL KEEP SILENT ON APPOINTMENTS

Wilson Will Not Announce Cabinet Selections Till First of March.

TO CONSIDER MERITS OF ALL

President-elect Receives Call From Rolla Wells, National Treasurer —Admires Report Filed on Contributions

Trenton, N. J., December 20.—Whether William J. Bryan or any of the prominent Democrats being mentioned by politicians generally for places in the cabinet of President-elect Wilson will be appointed to portfolios, probably will not be definitely known until a few days before inauguration day. Governor Wilson said tonight that very likely he would not make a single announcement of importance until about March 1st.

Within the next 24 hours he will talk with Mr. Bryan and before New Year's he expects to see Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, Senators O'Gorman, Hoke Smith, Gore and other prominent Democratic leaders, but indicated that he meant to keep strict silence about appointments until ready to make a general statement on the subject. Scattering announcements will be foolish, he said, "even if I had them to make. I'll wait until prettey late." The time will depend somewhat on the number of written communications received. All these letters regarding individuals for office are being grouped and will be taken up separately.

Mr. Wilson indicated he would not be at liberty to make final decision until the merits of all possible candidates had been set forth to him.

"What I am sincerely trying to do," he added, "is to see the field of choice and to try to get as many opinions as possible that are worth while."

The President-elect likewise made it clear that, though gossip may be heard far and wide, he would maintain a policy of silence and nothing would be definitely established until he made the announcements over his own signature.

Mr. Wilson was asked if he believed he would encounter any difficulty in getting the men desired for cabinet portfolios to acept. It had been suggested that in the case of the attorney generalship, noted lawyers often had been reluctant to leave their practice, and for this reason many able men were not pushed by their friends.

"That has not been my experience thus far," replied the Governor, with a smile. "I've asked some people and they have been quite ready with their names."

The Governor received a call from Rolla Wells, treasurer of the National Democratic Committee and former mayor of St. Louis, who brought a bound volume showing campaign contributions and expenditures, a fac simile of which recently was filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives.

The Governor pointed with evident pride to the neat tabulations of the expenditures and contributions with the thousands of names and items.

"I venture to say," he said, "that's a better looking report than the other two fellows filed. It is the best prospectus of its kind I've ever seen and it is an interesting document because it's the first report under the law requiring the publicity of campaign funds."

Mr. Wells said as he left the Governor's office that he had come merely to have the satisfaction of presenting the report in person to the President-elect. He was asked if he would continue in National politics. "No, I merely did a specific duty to which I was called," he said, "and do not expect to take an active part any more."

The Governor seemed to be pleased with the wide territorial support that the financial side of the campaign received. He ran his finger over the list of places, calling attention to the fact that contributions were received from Americans in Canada, China, Mexico, Ireland, Egypt, Ecuador, Hawaii, Panama, Cuba, Honduras, the Philippines and Porto Rico.

These contributions totalled more than $2,500.

Norfolk, Va., December 20.—Captain H. C. Huse, United States Navy, commanding the battleship Vermont, and President of the court of inquiry investigating charges of graft implicating commissary stewards and provision contractors, left today for his home to spend the Christmas holidays. It was announced that the court of inquiry would not reconvene until December 27th when new evidence would be heard and the investigation concluded.

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FILES COMPLAINT IN SUIT

Federal Government Seeks to Recover $250,000,000 Worth of Mineral Bearing Lands From Southern Pacific Railroad

Los Angeles, December 20.—The complaint in the long expected suit of the Federal government against the Southern Pacific Railroad, involving title to $250,000,000 worth of supposed mineral bearing lands in Fresno county, was filed here today in the United States District Court for the Southern district of California.

Other suits are to follow in which the government will contest the ownership of a total of $750,000,000 worth of lands, according to B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the attorney general of the United States. Mr. Townsend, with T. J. Butler, also a special assistant, will prosecute the suit. The latter filed the complaint.

The suit is brought under the act of Congress passed July 27th, 1866, requiring the Department of the Interior to emept mineral bearing lands in issuing patents to railroads.

The government will contend that of 440,000 acres of land on the main line of the Southern Pacific in California, 45,726 acres are mineral bearing and must revert to the public domain. The land is, for the most part, in the Coalinga Oil Field, and is under the lease to the Kern Trading & Oil Company, a subsidiary corporation of the Southern Pacific and a joint defendant in the suit.

Following is the full list of defendants:

The Southern Pacific Company, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, the Kern Trading & Oil Company, the Associated Oil Company, the Southern Pacific Land Company, the Central Trust Company, of New York; Homer S. King, the St. Paul Consolidated Oil Company, the Seier Oil Company, the Coalinga Oil & Gas Company, the Guthrey Oil Company, the Confidence Oil Company, the Associated Pine Line Company, the Section Seven Oil Company, C. F. Iredell, J. L. Briner, Julius Fried, J. J. Vincent, G. E. Short, Oren G. Myers, W. S. Porter, O. Schribner, C. A. Murdoch, George W. C. Baker, W. W. Machom, M. L. Woy and M. Madison.

All the co-defendants are alleged by the government to hold leases on Southern Pacific lands and to be participators in profits from their mineral yield.

The contested patent was issued July 10th, 1894. The patent was accepted, says the complaint, with full acquiescence in the statutory exception of mineral bearing lands.

The Southern Pacific Land Company is described as a "dummy" corporation. Each of the defendants, with the exception of the Central Trust Company, of New York, and Homer S. King, is alleged to have extracted large quantities of mineral from the lands.

VISIBLE COTTON SUPPLY

World's Total 6,175,052 Bales, According to Hester's Report

New Orleans, December 20.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 6,175,052, against 5,931,498 last week and 5,345,558 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 5,083,052, against 4,929,398 last week and 4,615,558 last year and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,092,000, against 992,000 last week and 730,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 3,378,000, against 2,410,000 last year; in Egypt 306,000, against 223,000 last year; in India 417,000, against 251,000, and in the United States 2,074,000, against 2,462,000.

OUTLINES

President Taft announced yesterday that the purpose of his trip to the canal zone was to see if the zone was ready for civil government.

Wm. F. Blair was yesterday held not guilty of the murder of Freight Agent Thompson at Greensboro, the jury having deliberated for the entire night.

Memorial service for the late Ambassador Reid was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday, every class of public life being represented at the impressive ceremony.

The Federal government yesterday filed its complaint in the suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to recover $250,000,000 worth of mineral bearing lands in California.

The State Department will prepare with great care and deliberation its brief in the case of the United States vs. Mexico and will demand that the Republic to the south protect American citizens and interests.

President-elect Wilson announced yesterday that he would make no important announcements until near inauguration time, and would not make known his selections for the cabinet portfolios till about the same time.

While diplomacy moved at a snail's pace yesterday with the delegates to the peace conference, the six European powers in their "conversations" agreed upon an autonomous Albania and also agreed to guarantee Servia a commercial port on the Adriatic.

New York markets: Money on call firm, 4 1-4 to 5 per cent.; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing bid 4 1-2; offered at 5. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red 1.08 and 1.09. Corn firm, 55 1-4. Turpentine quiet. Rosin steady.

DIPLOMACY MOVES AT A SNAIL'S PACE

Powers Accept Albanian Autonomy and Guarantee Servia a Port.

ENVOYS ENJOY A LUNCHEON

Peace Plenipotentiaries Mark Time While Waiting for Messenger from Turkey With Documentary Instructions.

London, Dec. 20.—The slow and devious processes of diplomacy are advancing toward a solution of the near-Eastern puzzle at a snail's pace. The only definite achievement of the day was an agreement by the ambassadors of the six great European powers that their governments would accept in principle, autonomy for Albania and a guarantee to Servia of a commercial port on the Adriatic sea. Having passed this milestone in their deliberations, the ambassadorial conference adjourned over Christmas.

The Balkan peace delegates enjoyed the hospitality of the Lord Mayor of London at a mansion house luncheon, a function which traditionally is given in honor of the members of foreign missions, representatives of friendly nations and former Presidents of Republics who visit London. The peace delegates mingled in the most friendly fashion, partook of the famous mansion house turtle soup and listened to an optimistic speech by Premier Asquith.

Of business the delegates transacted none of a formal character, but the embassies and the hotels where the delegates are quartered were buzzing with informal conferences.

The sublime Porte has empowered its envoys to include the Greek delegates in the negotiations for peace, and a messenger with the documents containing this decision is expected to reach London tomorrow. Dispatches received here from Constantinople say the Turks are confident that they now occupy a better military position toward the Greeks than when the negotiations began and that Turkey now would not sign an armistice with them, even if the Greeks requested it.

The Turkish delegates have been instructed, according to another report, to raise the question of the status of the Adrianople garrison immediately and if Bulgaria persists in demanding its surrender to break off the peace negotiations; but diplomats generally are skeptical of this story.

While the agreement of the ambassadors of the powers on autonomy for Albania is an important step, the working out of details of the scheme will be one of the most difficult problems a European conference ever has grappled with.

The Economist notifies financiers and investors to expect in the coming year loans totaling $400,000,000 with which to pay the losses caused by the war and the mobilization in Russia, Austria and Italy. The newspaper estimates the cost of the war at $175,000,000, using as a basis of reckoning the fact that there are 1,090,000 men under arms—400,000 Turks, 300,000 Bulgars, 200,000 Servians, 150,000 Greeks and 40,000 Montenegins—at an average expense of 10 shillings daily for each man.

DEFENDS HIS ACTION.

Gov. Donaghey Characterizes Arkansas Penitentiary as Hell.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 20.—Characterizing the Arkansas penitentiary "under the lease system as a burning, seething hell, consuming human beings who are being fed into it in a manner which results in nothing but making fortunes for contractors," Governor George W. Donaghey today issued a lengthy statement in defense of his action last Monday in issuing pardons to 360 State convicts.

Sharp criticism of the Governor's action from State officials and citizens had previously drawn from the executive the statement that "all those who oppose the abolishment of the inhuman convict system which we now have in Arkansas, are, in my opinion, bound in the direction of that place spoken of by Governor Blease in connection with the institution of his State and it is my belief they are going to land there, notwithstanding every effort of mine to prevent them doing so."

Again the Governor was sharply assailed and his statement today followed.

According to a newspaper compilation, based on the State records, 43 of those pardoned by Governor Donaghey were convicted of murder or manslaughter; 111 grand larceny, four assault; five robbery; 19 forgery; 32 burglary; 26 assault to kill, and 66 of crimes ranging from hog stealing to bigamy.

Birmingham, Ala., December 20.—The six-story plant of the Birmingham Paper Company on Frst avenue, was totally destroyed by fire tonight at a loss estimated at more than $200,000. The building belonged to H. H. Mayberry, of Franklin, Tenn.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REID

Impressive Ceremony for Late Ambassador Held In Westminster Abbey —Every Class of Public Life Represented

London, December 20.—Memorial service for the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid celebrated today in Westminster Abbey, was an impressive ceremony. The honor of such a service in Great Britain's most historic cathedral has on only few occasions been accorded to any but British subjects of great distinction.

In the congregation of 2,500 which assembled this morning, nearly half were American residents in England, including the staff of the American embassy and consulate-general.

The royalty, the government and every class of public life, together with the artistic and literary worlds, were represented. The day was a grey and gloomy one, typical of London Winter.

Funeral marches were played while the great congregation assembled.

Prince Arthur, of Connaught, as representative of King George and Queen Mary; Lord Howe, representing Queen Mother Alexandra; the representatives of other personages; the Duke of Argyll, Prince Louis, of Battenberg; the Grand Duke Michael, of Russia; the Vice Chancellors, of Oxford and Cambridge Universities; Premier Asquith and Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey, Home Secretary Reginald McKenna, Colonial Secretary Louis Harcourt, Lord President of Council Viscount Morley, Indian Secretary Marquis of Crewe, and President of the Board of Trade Sydney Buxton, were seated in the front pews of the chancel.

Others present included Attorney General Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, the Duchess of Marlborough, the Duchess of Wellington, Princess Hatzfeldt, Lady Pauncefote, Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal, the American cavalry commission headed by Brigadier General McClernand and Craig W. Wadsworth, American Secretary of Legation at Teheran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid, the son and daughter-in-law of the late ambassador, arrived at Plymouth this morning, but the steamer docked too late to permit their reaching London for the service.

Shortly after noon a processional was played on the great organ and the archbishops of Canterbury and York in their robes of scarlet and white with the Right Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, dean of Westminster Abbey, in black and gold, went to their places while the choir softly chanted the opening sentences of the burial service.

The 90th Psalm was sung to Purcell's music. The lesson was from the 15th chapter of the First Book of the Corinthians.

Afterward Wesley's anthem, "He Will Swallow Up Death in Victory" was sung and then Dean Ryle read part of the burial service.

The music was sung by the Abbey choir reinforced by the choir of the chapel royal, and the great organ was played by Sir Frederick Bridge, who had a band of drums and the bursts of the trumpets in the death march in Saul and in Chopin's "Marche Funebre" and their accompaniment of the many boys' voices in Wesley's hymn, "Let Saints on Earth In Concert Sing" were unsurpassable in solemnity and beauty.

Wreaths from President Taft and Secretary of State Knox were displayed in the abbey. The mourners were John Hubert Ward, son-in-law of the late ambassador; the Earl and Countess of Granard, Miss Breckenridge, of San Francisco, and the staffs of the United States embassy and consulate general.

Many members of the diplomatic corps with their families attended the service.

ONLY 80 MILES AWAY

Suffragettes Arrive at Wappengers Falls, New York

Wappengers Falls, N. Y., December 20.—"Albany only 80 miles away!" This was the cry of the little band of suffragists who arrived here late this afternoon after an 8-mile walk from Fishkill over good roads. The four pedestrians, Miss Allie Jones, Miss Ida Craft, Mrs. Jessie M. Stubbs and Mrs. Lavinia Dock spent tonight at a local hotel and tomorrow will plod the seven miles to Poughkeepsie, where they will remain over Sunday.

When the little party left Fishkill, they were accompanied by a score of enthusiastic suffragists and on their arrival here they were met by a large delegation with rousing cheers. Miss Craft addressed a crowd of women at the assembly hall, the society event of the season in this village.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., December 20.—Members of the local Equal Suffrage League have planned a big luncheon tomorrow for the entertainment of the little band of suffragists on its way to Albany. Saturday night and Sunday they will be the guests of prominent Poughkeepsie suffragists.

New York, December 20. — The American Tobacco Company was awarded a verdict by direction of Judge Mayer in the United States Court tonight in the $300,000 damage suit brought by E. Locker & Company, Brooklyn, tobacco jobbers. The Metropolitan Tobacco Company, co-defendants, was awarded a similar verdict. The plaintiffs sought treble damages under the Sherman anti-trust law alleging they incurred losses through violation of the law by the defendant companies.

CASE OF THE U. S. AGAINST MEXICO

Note of Representations Will Be Prepared With Great Deliebration

AMBASSADOR WILSON LEAVES

State Department Receives Reports From Every Quarter That Brigandage Is Increasing—Mexico Must Stop It

Washington, December 20.—Henry Lane Wilson, the American ambassador to Mexico, who has been here in conference with State Department officials regarding conditions growing out of the Mexican revolution, left today for New York preparatory to sailing for his post, without the expected note of representations which this government is preparing to be sent to the Mexican government demanding protection for American citizens and property.

This action is taken as a further evidence of the intention of the administration to deal with this delicate and difficult situation with circumspection and in a spirit of deliberition. The communication is being prepared with the greatest care at the State Department and will be transmitted to the American ambassador shortly after his arrival in Mexico City early in January.

The deliberation with which the officials are moving in the preparation of the case of the United States versus Mexico is expected to result in the production of a brief that is expected to be well nigh unanswerable except by a promise of prompt and adequate action on the part of the Mexican government to fairly and fully meet the demands of the United States in the matter of protection of American interests in Mexico.

Justification for this demand by the United States government is declared to be found in the numerous reports to the State Department from every quarter, to the general effect that conditions in Mexico have grown worse since the dispatch of Secretary Knox's note of protest last September, and that there has been a marked increase in brigandage and in the kidnaping of Americans for ransom, and in the levying of forced war loans by the rebels upon American mines and plantations.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, who is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, issued a statement today in which he expressed the opinion that the present administration should leave the Mexican situation "in statu quo until Governor Wilson assumes the Presidency."

The Senate sub-Committee on Foreign Relations, which has been engaged in investigating conditions along the Mexican border, held a meeting today to afford an opporunity to George Fred Williams, of Boston, to lay before it a number of letters bearing upon the situation. Mr. Williams is president of the Los Arcas Smelting & Mining Company, which has extensive properties 50 miles from Toluca in the State of Mexico. The letters presented were from a Mr. Traeger, manager of the Los Arcas company, and described a condition of continued trubulence and battling with bandits for the last four or five months. Mr. Traeger declared the soldiers which were sent to his assistance by the government last November had been withdrawn, leaving the important mining centers of Zacualpan and Sultepec and and the surrounding country entirely unguarded. He said that last August a pitched battle was fought with the bandits in Zacualpan, in which the mine and its buildings were burned and everything ruined that could not be carried away, and a mining engineer, a Mr. Platt, was taken prisoner. Afterward Mr. Platt escaped and upon information supplied by him, Traeger took the government soldiers to the scene of trouble and defeated the bandits in a pitched battle. Since then, however, the soldiers have been removed and the manager has been left unprotected. Traeger also alleged in a letter dated November 12th, that he had that day received from the bandits a demand for $5,000 as tribute money which was to have been paid within eight days. The demand was not met and up to December 4th, when the last letter from him was written, he was still holding his position. He tells of another mining man named Pancho Zilches, who had been taken prisoner, and who was then held for $15,000 ransom.

Mr. Williams said he intended to go to Mexico to investigate conditions. Senator William Alden Smith, chairman of the sub-committee, remonstrated against this course, saying that for Mr. Williams to undertake the journey at this time would be to risk his life, because of the conditions in the section which he proposed visiting. He said, however, that if Mr. Williams should insist upon going he would invest him with authority to make an investigation for the benefit of the committee.

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..Theatrical..

Through its subtle ways the idea that the central figure in "The Servant In the House," which is to be presented at the Academy, at matinee and night today, is intended to be taken by the audience as re-incarnation of Christ, is suggested by the author, Charles Rann Kenndy. Ostensibly this character who is known as Manson, is the great Bishop of Benares, working in his brother's house in the guise of an Oriental servant, but the dialogue and stage business of the play abounds with inferential references to her presumably divine origin. When the worldly bishop, shocked because he has unwittingly taken breakfast with a scavenger, asks Manson if it is his custom to eat with workingmen. The Servant in the House replies: "Yes, you see I'm prejudiced; I was one myself once—a long time ago, though, people have forgotten." This is obviously a reference to Christ's service as a carpenter. Then again, when he commands the bishop to leave the house, that churchman, in an outburst, remarks thusly: "If I could have my way with you I would have you publicly whipped. I would visit you with the utmost rigor of the law; I would nail you up sir, for an example." To which Manson replies with impressive dignity: "I have encountered similar hostility before, my lord, from gentlemen very like your lordship." There the symbolism is so obvious that all may understand it. Again Mary, the ingenuous little girl whose simplicity and purity of motive run like golden threads through the entire play, asks him who he is. Manson replies: "I am—" but before he can continue the altar bell in the adjoining church breaks in on the sentence, tolling the "Sanctus." The effect of this is almost awe-inspiring in its impressiveness to any one gifted with imagination. The character of Manson will be played by Victor E. Lambert, one of the most popular of the younger actors in America. Mr. Lambert is supported by the greatest acting company ever sent out of New York.

Holiday prices are prevailing, the matinee admissions being but 25 and 50 cents. Tonight's prices go but to $1. Seats can be had at Plummer's.

The Pickerts Next Week

The Four Pickerts will be at the Academy of Music all next week, opening their annual engagement Monday night with a big revival of beautiful "St. Elmo." The company is making a feature bill of this play and it will therefore have added drawing powers. Between acts that clever, up-to-date vaudeville, for which the Pickerts are noted, will be presented. The usual courtesy will be extended the ladies Monday night and seats are now on sale at Plummer's. Popular prices will prevail throughout the engagement.

The Pickerts' company is stronger this season than ever and the repertoire entirely new and much better. The specialties are splendid. The company will be seen in special Christmas matinee Wednesday afternoon.

At the Bijou.

There has always been a gala spirit in the very atmosphere at the popular Bijou, but today the Bijou is to don its Christmas attire, so as to greater delight the eye and add to the holiday spirit snapping in the air. This morning, so as to be ready for the very first show this afternoon, the clever Bijou managers will have workmen place in position a Christmas tree on each side of the big stage, and these trees will be converted into glittering spectacles by skilled hands and artistic minds. They will be prettily and brightly illuminated with tiny incondescent globes, which will add to the general attractive appearance. This will indeed be a treat out of the ordinary and will add to the enjoyment.

The Bijou has a great programme on today, that will furnish a big holiday show and a swell week-end bill. Besides, the handsome $3,000 electrical orchestral piano will present a big new offering of choice and latest numbers.

The feature film for today is "The Ranger and His Horse." It is stirring and thrilling, and is decidedly novel. It does not deal with Indians and cowboys, but of a bandit gang and abduction of the sheriff's daughter. A ranger, however, penetrates the lair of the brigands, makes a prisoner of the chief and rescues the girl. The horse plays a vital role in the drama.

Among the other swell films today is "Football Days at Cornell." As its name would indicate, it is a stirring film. It will be enjoyed by all, but will be expressly appreciated by the collegians home for the holidays.

At the Grand.

The week-end at the Grand promises to be a big one. The leading picture will be a Lubin film, "When Love Leads," detailing the love affairs of a manufacturer's son. His father wants him to marry the daughter of his partner, that he may eventually succeed to ownership of the firm. David meets Madge Heresford, a pensive and beautiful creature who used to be his playmate and falls "head over heels" in love with her. They have many ups and downs at the instigation of the parent, but the love affair flourishes under obstacles. He finally marries Madge and a little boy blesses the union, but one day Madge is run down by an automobile and killed. The boy is finally restored to the good graces of his father and prospers. Another big one will be a Melies production, "The Governor's Clemency". This will be a thrilling story and will interest everyone. Another new one will complete the day's offering in the picture line. Mr. Chick will sing again the South's most famous rag, "I Want to be in Dixie", a song that has caught on like wild fire all over the world. Mr. Chick is singing the song today by special request.

"When Love Leads"

The old, old story where "Love Laughs at Locksmiths" with a thrilling and beautiful setting, at The Grand today. (Advertisement.)

Christmas Slippers

at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

C. H. Fore & Co.'s store will be open every evening to accommodate shoppers. (Advertisement.)

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

Kinston Schools Celebrate—Meeting of Newbern District Stewards.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 20.—The pupils of the Kinston grammar school celebrated "North Carolina Day" this afternoon. The exercises were held in the high school auditorium at 1:30 o'clock, and a large number of the patrons were in attendance. The Kinston schools suspended today for the holidays, and will not be re-opened for two weeks.

A meeting of the district stewards of the Newbern district of the Methodist church is in progress here today. A number of leading clergymen and laymen are attending the session, which is being held in t. Queen Street church. Tonight the regular quarterly conference will be held.

Not a single store building is available for new business in this city. Secretary Sutton, of the Chamber of Commerce, says that he is receiving numerous inquiries from people who would locate here to engage in mercantile lines, but should any of these decide to come a problem would be encountered in finding desirable places for them. Inquiries are at hand from dealers in gentlemen's furnishings, dry goods and kindred lines who seek a profitable field for business.

Bear Marsh, in Wayne county, near the Lenoir line, claims to have the most-traveled citizen in this section. Walter Faulk, son of well known people of that village, is home after a tour of nine years' duration. He is said to have visited every State in the Union and most of the countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and South America and Australia in this time, seeing practically every port of significance in foreign parts during his travels. Twice news became so scant of him that his relatives gave him up for dead, but recently, on his way home, Faulk surprised two of his brothers in Goldsboro, who accompanied him to the home of their parents.

J. A. Herring, a wealthy farmer, who died recently in Greene county, left an estate valued at over $100,000, principally in farming lands. J. E. Herring, W. B. Herring and Mrs. J. A. Herring were charged in the will with the division and direction of the estate. Mr. Herring lived in the Shine section of Greene. He left insurance money to the amount of $35,000.

Yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, in the presence of a large company of friends, Miss Canary Elizabeth Cunningham and Mr. Horace Bruton Taylor were united in marriage at the home of the bride, near this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bernard P. Smith, pastor of the Kinston Christian church. The couple are from two of Lenoir's best families, and are prominent in local social circles.

SOUTHPORT NEWS NOTES.

Extra Mail Service—Passenger Service Delayed—Pay for Soldiers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 20.—Thursday the extra mail, to arrive and depart before noon, daily, except Sunday, came for the first time. The inauguration of this service is going to prove of value, locally, more so as time passes.

The W., B. & S. Railroad passenger service for several days has been delayed, and the freight practically cancelled, owing to the putting in of a 30-foot steel bridge over Town Creek. This bridge replaces the former wooden structure, and assures safety for the much heavier traffic that will soon be carried over the road.

Col. H. K. White has just returned from attending the inland waterway meeting at Washington, D. C. Col. White says what is needed is for the many interests along the proposed route to send representatives to meet the government engineers on every occasion possible, and thus force the government to see that the waterway is actually wanted by the people.

The Army Department is soon to introduce a much needed change in its system of paying off the soldiers at Fort Caswell, and probably this same system will be established at all garrisons. Instead of the monthly visit of the paymaster, which at best varies five to ten days each month, each soldier will receive his pay in an envelope direct from the department, all the soldiers 'envelopes coming by express, thus assuring a regularity of the monthly pay that is not obtainable under the old way.

The High School pupils will enjoy a longer vacation than usual this holiday season, the next session beginning January 2nd, the school closing Friday for the Fall term.

All the poles for the electric light system have been placed, for street and residence service, and the wire is now being shipped. Work on wiring stores and houses is now going on.

Fox hunters have lately enjoyed some good sport, and several fine "brushes" have been shown to admiring friends by the successful hunters.

That "Christmas feeling" is now in the air, and strongly permeating the systems of both young and old. The fact is, Christmas levels all ages, it is the one period of the year when all are, for the time, just girls and boys.

Washington, December 20.—Reports have reached the State Department to the effect that the Mexican government is about to undertake a revision of its customs tariff at about the same time that the American Congress will turn its attention to that subject. Little information as to the animating purpose has developed, though it is gathered there will be a number of increases on various items of imports.

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Your Christmas Shopping.

Our line is open and at your service. Make your selections before the rush begins.

All goods to be engraved should be bought early. We will put them aside for you.

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$8.75 to $12.00 Pants, for $6.00

This sale will last only a few more days. Call at once, and have your measure taken by an expert cutter, and your Suit will be delivered by Christmas.

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LEAVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Young Women From State Normal College and "G. F." Off For Home —Several Marriages In Gate City

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., December 20.—More than one thousand young women in two of the State's leading institutions of learning—the State Normal and Greensboro Female College—have packed their trunks ready for an exodus to their homes to spend the gladsome Christmas holidays. The G. F. C. practically closed this afternoon for the holidays while the State Normal girls will begin to entrain early tomorrow. Yesterday and today the streets were thronged with the college girls making final preparations for the holiday absence. The G. F. C. girls will have a three weeks' holiday, the college resuming work January 7th. The eight hundred State Normal girls, who leave tomorrow, will have a two weeks' vacation, the college work being resumed January 3rd. The city schools close Friday afternoon and open again January 6th.

Cupid got busy hereabouts yesterday and as a result three nuptial events occurred during the late afternoon and last night. A wedding that came as a surprise to the friends of the contracting couple was solemnized at the residence of Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, of the First Presbyterian church, last evening when Miss Helma Lang became the bride of Mr. Homer O. Murdoch. The bride has been the chief operator for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company here for several years while Mr. Murdoch is toll chief for the same company. In the afternoon at the home of Rev. Shuford Peller Miss Jannie Brannock, of Friendship township, and Mr. Arthur Kellam were united in marriage. Last evening at 8:30 o'clock Miss Annie Knight and Mr. Chase Cummings, of Guilford College, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Knight, Rev. Albert Peele, of Guilford College, performing the ceremony.

Several citizens who are here attending the Blair trial stopped suddenly yesterday and "rubbered"—not in the ordinary way—at a sight that greeted their eyes in front of the Court House. They pinched themselves to see if they were really awake, and—then they investigated. It was a genuine "moonshine" still that they saw—cap, worm and all. They thought for a moment that they were back in the coves of Wilkes and then they knew that they were not. The still had been captured the night before by officers and the Court House green was the most convenient place to dump it and there it was dumped and stayed most of the day. In the party of Wilkes citizens were Treasurer Call, former Congressman Cowles, Congressman Doughton, Postmaster Jones, J. G. Hackett and others. It was Mr. Call who first espied the still and he grabbed Mr. Cowles by the arm and pointed to the "thing." Mr. Cowles looked and then exclaimed: "Here; here; are we in Guilford or Wilkes?" Mr. Hackett, however reassured the "boys" "Be calm, boys," he said. "This isn't Wilkes, for if it was that outfit would be out in the woods where it belongs, and not here." Then Mr. Call 'spanked" his sides and declared: "Isn't it a shame to bring an outfit like that into town?"

NO CHANGE AMONG DIRECTORS

Present Management of Jefferson Standard Gets Control

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 20.—State Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, just back from Greensboro, says he finds that the present management of the consolidated Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., has secured sufficient of the outstanding stock of the corporation to assure control so that an upheavel in the directorate is no longer feared. For some time efforts have been on foot to get options on stock sufficient to disturb the present management, but the possibility for this is passed, Commissioner Young says. While in Greensboro Commissioner Young made a thorough inspection of the fire prevention and escape facilities in the State Normal and Industrial College and found conditions eminently satisfactory.

Fire this morning destroyed a negro tenement in the northwestern section of the city, owned by Rev. George A. Miles, colored. The flames spread to a barn owned by Deputy Sheriff O. L. Parham. The loss was less than $1,000.

Editor H. B. Varner, of the Southern Good Roads and Davidson Dispatch, Lexington, writes to Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham that there is a campaign in full swing in Davidson county whereby the yield of corn for 1913 will be fully 100,000 bushels more than ever before in the history of the county. The special corn-growing competitions in progress the past several seasons have developed farming very greatly. One old Confederate veteran grew 114 1-2 bushels on an acre. He was 70 years old. The record for the county is 159 bushels, made in 1911. In 1912 the record was 138. Mr. Varner writes that the visits of State Agronomist J. Burgess to the county to address the farmers and give special advice as to corn and other crops, has helped wonderfully and that the practice of the Department of Agriculture whereby prizes are offered that augment the local prizes is having fine effect.

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If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve in the acids of the stomach. Is just as good for Grown People as for children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic The Standard for 20 years 50

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SUGGESTS NAME WALTER PAGE

Editor Clarence Poe Not After Place Of Secretary of Agriculture

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 20.—Editor Clarence H. Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, today telegraphed President-elect Woodrow Wilson at Trenton, N. J., urging the appointment of Dr. Walter H. Page as Secretary of Agriculture, in the Wilson cabinet. This action on the part of Mr. Page is emphatically significant because he has himself been prominently mentioned for the agricultural secretaryship and declined to seek the appointment on account of the candidacy of Editor Josephus Daniels for a place in the cabinet. The telegram that Editor Poe sent to President-elect Wilson follows: "While a score of papers have been generous enough to urge my appointment as Secretary of Agriculture, I do not wish the office myself but do wish most earnestly that you shall appoint a man of extraordinary vision and ability. There is a nationwide awakening to the possibilities of rural co-operation and better marketing methods and you can win the everlasting gratitude of the American farmers by naming a man who will broaden the department and make it not only agency for increasing crop production, but an agency for making country life and solving the pressing problems of rural co-operation, rural credit and more economical distribution. After thoroughly canvassing all names suggested, I believe if you should delegate Dr. Walter H. Page, formerly of the Country Life Commission, to perform this epoch-making task the nation would approve, while it may be that Dr. Bailey or President Waters, if committed to some policy, would do equally well. On behalf of the 150,000 farmer readers of my paper, I most respectfully, but very earnestly, urge the appointment of a man of this type, instead of an ambitious politician or department chief. Am convinced that the appointment of Burleson or Moore would be most deplorable."

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Historical Commission was held today with Col. J. Bryan Grimes presiding as chairman and R. D. W. Connor as secretary. A summary of the work of the commission for the past two years prepared by Secretary Connor, shows the establishment of a department for mending and mounting old manuscripts; the acquisition of very valuable papers of John H. Bryan, David L. Swain and Zebulon B. Vance; the addition of papers of Graham, Pettigrew and Aycock; the publication of the Christopher de Graffenreid, Randolph Shotwell, Chief Justic Ruffin, Archibald D. Murphy papers, and a documentary history of the private schools of North Carolina, 1790 to 1840; the installation of marble busts of Senator Matt W. Ransom, Samuel Johnson and Jno. M. Morehead, former Governors, in niches in the rotunda of the State House; has stirred great literary and historical interest. A number of bulletins as a manual of North Carolina have been published.

A charter is issued for The Scales Audit Co., Greensboro capital $100,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed, by J. P. Scales, S. H. Scales and W. J. Hunley.

Governor Kitchin today appointed J. H. LeRoy, of Elizabeth City, State fish commissioner to succeed C. S. Vann, resigned.

The State offers a reward for $100 for the arrest of Herbert Baker, wanted in Robeson county for the murder of Pattio Morrison, November 18th. Both negroes.

Ervin Brewer, colored, was jailed today on the charge of beating to death Frank Penn last night in the tenement of Nora Chavis, who was also badly beaten. Both boarded with the Chavis woman. Penn died in a hospital here today.

The legislative committee from the 1911 Legislature for the annual examination of the books and vouchers of the State treasurer and State auditor and the insurance department is here on its annual visitation and is at work in the State treasury. It requires a week or more to make these examinations. The committee consists of Senators O. Max Gardner, of Cleveland, and A. S. Rascoe, of Bertie, and Representatives A. L. Quickel, of Lincoln; Harry Stubbs, of Martin, and H. C. Caviness, of Wilkes county.

Hon. Ashley Horne, chairman of the State building commission, having in hand the erection of the $250,000 State fire-proof building, is here looking out for the affairs of the commission since the tragic suicidal death of W. A. Fries, clerk and inspector for the commission in the erection of the building. Col. Horne pays high tribute to the capacity and fidelity of Mr. Fries in his service to the commission and is deeply grieved at his sad and untimely death. Col. Horne is at a loss to understand what the troubles were to which Mr. Fries referred in his note to Mrs. Fries. His relations to the building commission have been the most circumspect, Col. Horne says. Indeed, the financial system of the commission is such that there could be no entanglement or misappropriation of funds on the part of anybody connected with the work. There is no announcement as to any filling of the place made vacant by the suicide.

Fine progress is being made in the standardizing of the Raleigh and Southport Railroad as a part of the new Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern division of the Norfolk Southern. The work on the Raleigh division will be completed in a couple of days and the steam shovels and other grading force will be moved to the Cape Fear river and the McCullers sections where much work is to be done. The road is being brought up to a grade of not more than one per cent.

That Famous Rag

"I Want to Be In Dixie" will be repeated by Mr. Chick at The Grand today, by special request. Come and help him sing the chorus.

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IN MEMORY OF MR. AYCOCK

Exercises at Wilson Graded School—Address by J. F. Bruton

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., December 20.—The Wilson graded school devoted a pleasant hour this morning to exercises in memory of the late governor, Charles B. Aycock. The programme was arranged and presented by the senior class and the principle feature was an address by Colonel John F. Bruton, the president of the Board of Education. W. C. Gorham, Jr., of the senior class, presided. The class of 1913 is composed of the following pupils: C. C. Daniels, Jr., J. B. Farmer, Leon Daniel, Charles M. Fleming, Jr., Samuel Moss, and Misses Jessie Anderson, Connie Bishop, Elizabeth Culpepper, Grace Lucas, Catharine MacNair, Nellie Overman, Ora Raper and Bessie Summerlein and Mr. Moses Rountree.

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Some day soon you'd better come in and pick out the things you'd like to have him deliver; we'll mark them for him and guarantee to get them there at the right moment.

Here are a few things that Santa Claus will be glad to carry for you: Hart Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats; best Christmas gift possible; finest made. Gloves, Neckwear, Smoking Jackets, Lounging and Bath Robes, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Initials and Plain; Sweaters, Pajamas, Suit Cases, Hand Bags, Mufflers, and many other Appropriate Gifts.

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While in the city purchasing your stock of Christmas Goods, call on us for your Hardware, such as Guns, Cutlery and Ammunition.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective September 8th, 1912. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
N. 90, ! 3:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:35 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars Between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *12:30 A. M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No 65, ! 6:35 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadourn, Conway (1), Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
N. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 29, 1912.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for The Beach	WEST BOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave The Beach for Wilmington
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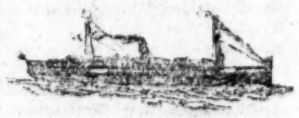

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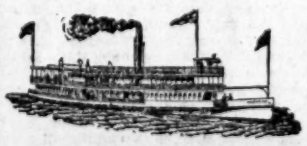

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P. M.		A. M.
3:15	Lv . . . . Wilmington . . . . Ar.	8:15
4:05	" . . . . Town Creek . . . . "	7:20
4:20	" . . . . Bolivia . . . . "	7:05
4:55	Ar. . . . . Southport . . . . Lv.	6:30

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Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:50 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
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Saturday, December 21, 1912.

Many men get rich in spite of investigations.

A man likes to do his Christmas shopping late because he likes to see the street lights now and then.

Woodrow Wilson's smile comes off now and then, but when it does it gives way to a few remarks of a somewhat dynamic nature.

A highwayman can make more money farming in the South than he can by waylaying the parcels post after the 1st of January.

Tomorrow is the shortest day in the year, but all the days about this time are sandwiched in between the longest nights in the calendar.

The Baltimore Sun says a Maryland skipper claims to have seen a mermaid at sea. In North Carolina it is nothing to see a mere man at sea.

When the Democrats take charge of the government after the 4th of March, they will please look over all treaties and find the jokers of European diplomats.

When Wilmington gets to exchanging commodities with South America, we are willing to take out a good share of trade in coffee, hides, logwood, mahogany and fruits.

New York suffragettes are to hike from New York to Albany to present their cause to the Legislature. If the road is muddy, all the people on the route will turn out to see the procession do its walking.

If we had been Senator Foraker we would have gone home without waiting for Editor Hearst's few remarks in reply to his statement about those Archbold letters. There are some replies that no man should care to evoke.

What has become of the old fashioned kiddies whose Christmas delight was red stick candy and a bunch of firecrackers, while the dignified head of the family thought he was elected when Santa Clause remembered him with a pair of carpet slippers?

Oh, no, President Taft won't have anything to interfere with his enjoyment of Christmas. He has left to President-elect Wilson a cargo of tariff troubles, a friendly row with Great Britain about the Panama Canal, a Congress mostly from the tall timbers, a cabinet to appoint, and numerous patriots with years of hungering after some kind of office.

Under the circumstances, a reply from William Randolph Hearst to former Senator Joseph B. Foraker, was entirely superfluous. The incident as to Mr. Hearst's having the goods and the manner or means of his acquirement of them was of small consequence compared with the revelations made by those Archbold missives. The close touch between the Standard Oil trust and some of the most conspicuous figures in National legislation is the star feature of the affair.

Now that the cotton crop of this year is safely figured at 14,500,000 bales, the great papers of the United States are calculating that the South's great staple production for 1912 is valued at a billion dollars. That means one thousand million dollars for cotton and cotton seed, the double values of a single crop that would make the South rich without mentioning tobacco, peanuts, corn and all the variety of products grown in nearly every portion of the globe. Great is the South! Why doesn't everybody come South and settle near Wilmington?

SHIPS FOR SOUTHERN COMMERCE

Whether we subsidize American ships or not, besides exempting them from Panama canal toll and preventing railroads and foreign ships from competing with them in coastwise commerce, we do not think there is going to be much difficulty in getting all the ships the South may need for either foreign or coastwise commerce. The fact is, we will get all the ships the South will need for any foreign exports or imports that may figure in Southern commerce. One of the main questions for our Southern ports to consider is their own port equipments as to water and rail terminals, and the coaling facilities that will make their advantages more complete. Another is, can we or will we load ships that may come to our ports? Can we or will we furnish the cargoes? Will we have commerce to offer if we can get the ships?

As to the preparation and equipment for handling commerce, the ports must answer for themselves. As to the commerce that we may engage in, our local producers and the manufacturers in the interior will have to be called upon to answer. What are we going to export and import, and by what means and through what organization and system are we to do it? If we will furnish the commerce we will get the ships. While we are answering all our port and interior questions, as to ships, rates, port facilities, commercial commodities, financing cargoes, etc., we will have American ships, European ships, South American ships, and Japanese ships waiting for the signal to come to Wilmington, or to other South Atlantic ports. Foreign shipyards are busy, and quite a number of ships are being built in the United States, even though it might be said that not enough American ships are being constructed. That is our fault, if it be true, but we can guarantee that as fast as commerce creates the demand there will be a new ship to meet it. This is the optimistic side of it, and it will be found to be about correct.

Departing from the speculative view of the problem, let us confine ourselves to some of the facts. Arrangements are on foot, or completed, for several new American steamship companies and steamship lines. We hear more or that kind of news from Europe. Two or more big Japanese companies are having ships built to come from the Pacific to Atlantic ports. South American shipping interests are alert. The latest announcement of this kind appeared in the New York Journal of Commerce last Thursday in a cablegram dated Lima, Peru, on Wednesday. Here it is: "Colonel Pedro Portillo, former Minister of Marine, announces the establishment of a line of Peruvian steamers between Iquitos and New York. The steamers will touch at Colon. The transport Iquitos will make the initial voyage."

Let us take particular note of the fact that even the South Americans are reaching out for commerce with this country. There is to be an exchange of commodities and travel, and since Wilmington already has commercial interests in Peru, we need not be surprised to have Col. Portillo's Peruvian steamers making Wilmington a port call. Otherwise, we would have to export and import by his line through the port of New York. Why not import directly through the port of Wilmington or Southport? The steamers of the new Peruvian line will come down that giant of rivers the Amazon, and will come up the east coast of South America. Some idea of the enormous length of the Amazon may be had when it is stated that the Peruvian liners, starting from a river port on the western side of the continent, will come down that immense stream, a distance of 2,100 miles, before they will pass out into the Atlantic ocean on the east. Speaking about the new line, the Journal of Commerce says:

"Presumably this new line will be run under the auspices and with the aid of the Peruvian government. It will make a second service between New York and the upper waters of the Amazon, and compete with the Booth Line, which has hitherto occupied the field. Iquitos is a Peruvian port on the Amazon 1,250 miles above Maraos and 2,100 miles from the mouth of the Amazon. No particulars have reached New York of the formation of the company now started, but it is known that for some time there has been a movement in the Iquitos Chamber of Commerce working for such a purpose in order to reduce freight rates by the introduction of competition. On the Pacific coast the Peruvian government owns and operates a fleet of five ships of 4,000 tons each, carrying three classes of passengers and having a speed of from 16 to 18 knots, running between the Pacific ports of Callao, Mollendo (the Peruvian port of Bolivia), and Paya and Panama. By touching at Colon it is expected that the Iquitos Line will pick up freight trans-shipped across the Isthmus while preparing the way for through water carriage likely to come with the opening of the canal."

Let Congress bother with the problem of rehabilitating the American merchant marine. Let Wilmington and Southport look out for the commercial side of it in this opening era of commercial opportunity. This can be a port of call if nothing more, especially for the new line of steamers to be run between Baltimore and South America, using the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad terminals in that Southern city. Why should not Wilmington look over its opportunities for exporting cotton goods, raw cotton, peanuts, iron, machinery, furniture, etc? Let us organize a system of primary and academic study for making a great commercial port of the Cape Fear ocean gateway.

WILL WE LOAD THE SHIPS.

The Southern Panama Canal Conference held in Atlanta some ten days ago seemed to devote more of its attention to the question of restoring the American merchant marine than it did to ascertaining the South's resources for furnishing commerce and the equipment of Southern ports to handle exports and imports. There was a very strong sentiment for a ship subsidy and finally compromise resolutions were passed urging Congress to pass legislation to encourage the upbuilding of our merchant marine.

Let us see what Congress already has done for the American merchant marine. Our maritime laws prohibit foreign ships from engaging in American coastwise commerce, which includes ocean carrying from any American port, on the Atlantic, for instance, to any other American port, let us say, on the Pacific. That shuts out world competition with American shipping, and reserves exclusively for American carriers the greatest coastwise commerce of any country on the face of the globe. Just as in all other instances where we shut out competition, the shipping interests have taken advantage of it to form a trust. Therefore, any further favors, such as a subsidy out of the pockets of the people, would be a hand-out for the shipping trust. Meanwhile the trust would fix water rates, and with no competition from abroad or at home, the shippers of this country would find themselves at the mercy of the shipping trust so far as coastwise water traffic is concerned.

That situation is discouraging for the prospects of a subsidy or any further public aid to the combined shipping interests of this country. However, shutting out foreign competition is not all that Congress has done for American shipping. The act to regulate shipping through the canal prohibits competition on the part of ships owned or operated by railroads, but the greatest of all favors at the public expense was vouchsafed when a Democratic Congress exempted American ships from tolls in passing through the canal, loaded or unloaded, from one side of the continent to the other. Thus an ordinary sized ship of 2,000 tons net, loaded, exempt from $1.25 toll per ton, gets really a ship subsidy of $2,500 on the passage out, and another free passage of $2,500 if she returns loaded. Thus $5,000 exemption for two trips going and coming, would be a pretty stiff subsidy, especially for shipping interests with the whole business in their hands and without competition at home or abroad. A hundred thousand dollars freight ship would not have to make but twenty trips to pay for herself at the public expense, at the rate of exemption alone, not to mention the possibility of excessive water rates to be fixed by shipping interests protected from competition by railroad ships or foreign ships. According to our way of thinking, it is one of the most stupendous pieces of privilege legislation ever enacted by an American Congress.

What does any privileged interest want with any additional cinch in the shape of a subsidy? There is no wonder that Great Britain has entered a protest against such a discrimination against foreign shipping, and that she has us looking two ways for Sunday for fear of having to submit that one question to arbitration. It is quite reasonable for us to set up the claim that we built the canal with our money, and, therefore, that we ought to do with it as we please, but we argue from a false basis when we contend that exemption from toll is not discrimination against foreign shipping, since, as a matter of fact, the exemption applies only to coastwise shipping in which no foreign ships can engage. That is where we lose out, however, for the exemption of toll within itself will amount to such a great saving that American ships can all the better afford to engage in world commerce at a lower rate per ton because of the saving in canal tolls.

On the same basis of reasoning, our manufacturers who are indirectly subsidized by the tariff, can afford to sell their products abroad cheaper than they do at home. Just as the protective tariff enables manufacturers to do that, just so will the exemption in toll give American ships a great advantage in competing with foreign ships in carrying freight to South American or Oriental countries. This assumes, of course, that American ships will engage in both coastwise and world commerce, just as most of them are more than apt to do. Those ships would not only have an advantage over foreign shipping, but an advantage over our own ships not engaged in coastwise commerce, unless, of course, such ships belong to the shipping trust. It would not be at all surprising for us to find out that in thus discriminating against foreign shipping we will make it quite possible for the American shipping trust to have its own way with us when it comes to water rates.

All this aside, however, it is pretty safe to say that there will be plenty of ships to carry all the commerce this country will have. After all, it is commerce that will bring the ships to Southern ports and not any subsidy that they may get. If Wilmington will subsidize a ship with a big cargo of exports or imports, we will see her coming into this port for business. The question is, can our Southern ports load the ships that may come here, or will we load them if they will come? As to that, we have more to say in another editorial.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Raleigh's "Great White Way" has been one of the prime reasons for the remodeling of so many store fronts on Fayetteville street. The increase in values far exceeds the cost of maintenance of the lights.—Raleigh Times.

As one more tiny bond to add to that of brotherhood which now holds North and South closely together an amendment to the omnibus claims bill adopted by the Senate a day or two ago is important. It excepts from the general bar against claims on behalf of Confederates, those of Confederate soldiers who afterwards served in the United States army. In this list were Gen. Joe Wheeler and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. It is significant that through the amendment was offered by Johnston, of Alabama, it was urged upon the Senate by Lodge, of Massachusetts.—Savannah News.

It seems to The News that the newspapers of the country—particularly of the South—might do the public in general and their own section in particular a great service by agreeing to reduce the reports of lynching negroes "for the usual crime" to a minimum and printing them as inconspicuously as possible. As white men and negroes have to live and work side by side in this country of ours—the more justice they render one another, the better. The white man is far the wiser and stronger, and he never disgraces himself when he sets a good example.—Brunswick (Ga.) News (Dem.)

The Christmas trade of Vienna is spoiled. Her merchants are desperate, her industry checked, her Stock Exchange demoralized. Big popular demonstrations against mobilization have taken place not only in Prague, Pilsen and other Bohemian cities, but in the capital. In three of the principal Dalmatian seaports civil government has been superseded because of public protests against war measures which have been called "anti-national". In Croatia, with a population as large as Massachusetts, the constitution has been suspended; Croatian delegates in Parliament are filibustering against the government's military bills aimed at their Servian brethren. In Bosnia and Herzegovina a population as large as that of Kansas, and almost wholly Slav, requires, according to recent English authority, as many alien troops to hold it down as the 300,000,000 people of British India. If consequences so disastrous and so menacing follow the mere threat of an unprovoked war of aggression upon a weaker nation, what would be the fruits of war itself, in "glory" and in ruin?—New York World.

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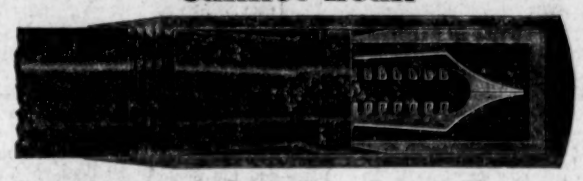

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is in the home illuminated with light from such beautiful and convenient fixtures as are to be had here. The beautiful soft light they give, the atmosphere of brightness and cheerfulness are well worth much more than such fixtures cost here. Just come and see them. That's all. A full line of nice portables, pocket lights, toy motors and electric engines, electric irons, and stoves, all the above articles mentioned make useful Christmas presents. Store will be open to 10 o'clock through the holidays.

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STATEMENT CONDITION
Home Savings Bank
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 26TH, 1912.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$194,089.83	Capital	$ 50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,804.54	Profits	3,409.64
Real Estate	12,000.00	Deposits	170,608.78
Cash	16,002.05		
Total	$224,018.42	Total	$224,018.42

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MONEY COMING IN SLOW

Salvation Army Plans to Make Christmas a Bright One for Many Poor Families and Children—Public Asked to Aid.

In the hurry and bustle of Christmas time the public is asked not to forget the Salvation Army, for that institution is planning to make the day a happy one for more poor families and children than ever before. The Wilmington public has always responded generously to the appeals of the Army, but this year the money has not been coming in as usual, and only a few days now and Christmas will be here.

The Salvation Army this year has need of more funds than on any other Christmas, for it is planned to distribute about 100 baskets of groceries and food to poor families, this number being considerably more than were distributed last year. In addition many of these families are in need of shoes, clothing, etc., and these articles must be provided in some manner. All persons having articles of clothing for which they have no use are asked to communicate with the Army headquarters and some one will be sent for the articles.

Then, too, money is needed to provide toys and candies for the Christmas tree which the Salvation Army will give to the poor children of the city on New Year's night. This tree marks the only bright spot in the holidays for many of the poor children of the city, and the officers of the Army are anxious to not overlook any of the little tots who are not fortunate enough to receive something from other sources. The Salvation Army Sunday School has grown to about twice the number which it had last year at this time, and all of these children will be remembered on the tree. Gifts for from 200 to 300 children will be provided.

The officers of the local post trust that the Wilmington public will come to the rescue as generously as heretofore and help them in their efforts to brighten the Birthday of Christ for those to whom the occasion would otherwise be only a hollow mockery. Those desiring to contribute may do so by notifying the headquarters, or by dropping their contribution in the Salvation Army pot in front of the postoffice, while they are downtown shopping. The Army labors in a worthy cause, and no one will regret contributing to this cause.

EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGED.

A. J. Royall, Colored, Arrested Yesterday—Clever Work.

A. J. Royall, a negro of unsavory reputation, who has just completed a term on the county roads, will most likely spend Christmas in the county jail. Had he not written a certain letter and had not that letter fell into the hands of Constable J. H. Davis, who is a shrewd detective as well as a good officer, the negro probably would have been in position to enjoy the festival period outside of prison walls. Of course, there is a possibility that he will be at liberty to spend Christmas wherever and however he pleases, but the chances are decidedly against him.

Royall was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of embezzling a trunk and its contents, valued at about $100, the property of Maggie Warren, colored, who recently moved to Southport to live. She alleges that on the morning of May 13th last, she gave Royall, whom she knew, a baggage check to go to the union station for her trunk and deliver same to her at the steamer Wilmington wharf. She claims that she never got her trunk and that she did not see Royall again until several weeks later when she saw him on the county roads, doing time for another offense. On the 17th of this month the woman received a letter from Royall, in which he stated in substance that the trunk had been taken to the home of a woman, whom he could not now find nor could he locate the trunk and contents and asked that she write him a letter stating the value of the things so that he could settle the matter, as he did not relish the idea of getting into trouble again. He asked that she write him in care of L. Clayton Grant, Esq., who had defended him on several occasions. The letter was turned over by the woman to Constable Davis.

Cleverly imitating the handwriting and spelling of a negro, Constable Davis wrote Royall a letter a few days ago and signed it Maggie. In this letter Royall was invited to meet her at the lawyer's office at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to see if some arrangements could be made to adjust the matter. The woman was at the attorney's office at the hour mentioned. So was Constable Davis. When Royall appeared he was placed under arrest. Of course, the attorney was not let into the secret. In fact, he was not at his office during the afternoon.

The preliminary hearing is set for 10 o'clock this morning before Justice McGowan.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Home Savings Bank, trustee, to Marsden Bellamy and C. D. Weeks, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on west side of 17th street, 165 feet north of Chesnut, 160x165 feet in size; Dr. Ernest S. Bulluck to Thos. H. Wright, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Tenth street, 30 feet north of Orange, 30x75 feet in size; J. T. King and wife to Marx S. Nathan, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west side of 15th street, 125 feet south of Princess, 40x78 feet in size; Southeastern Realty Co., to W. D. Colwell and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on south side of Dock street, 39 feet west of 15th, 36x90 feet in size.

Famous Stage Beauties.
look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blotches, Sores or Pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema and salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.
(Advertisement.)

COMPANY B. IS THE WINNER

This Team In Friday Night Basketball League Champion In First Series—Will Be In Final Race for Cup

The final games in the Friday Night Basketball League were all that were predicted for them and then some. A very large crowd attended and added their voices to the fun and by their efforts aided very materially in goading their favorities to great work and some good sport was enjoyed. The first game was between the Cardinals and the Seniors and while it was a good game it was a little too much one-sided to create much interest. The Cardinals won by the score of 32 to twelve.

This does not indicate that the Seniors were not in the game, but after some very pretty work by which they would work the ball up to the goal they failed regularly to make good their attempt and would not cage the ball, though their chances were frequent to do so. The Cardinals played a better game and were very successful in caging the ball, securing 14 field goals to their opponents' three.

The second game between the Juniors and the Eagles proved to be somewhat of a surprise as the Eagles defeated the Juniors in the first half and only lost the game after very hard playing by both teams by the small margin of four points, the final score being 16 to 11 in favor of the Juniors.

The star game was between Company A and Company B, as this was virtually for the championship of the first half of the season and everybody wanted to see how these teams really measured up. There was no doubt as to the better team in this game for Company B played their larger opponents fairly in every department of the game and took no advantage of technicalities as could have been done. Fick, of Company A, did not appear when the game was to have begun and acording to the rules unless the team was prepared to play within five minutes after the time scheduled to play they could have been forced to play with a substitute, short-handed, or to forfeit the game. Captain Harry Register, however, showed a real sportsmanlike spirit, refusing to play a crippled team and so postponed the game until later in the evening so as to allow Company A to get every one of their players in the game, preferring to take chances of losing the game rather than win over a team one of whose best players was absent.

The game began fast and to the suprrise of all present Borneman did himself proud by out jumping Fick at center. Several minutes passed before a goal was secured when Company A secured one point on a foul which was followed by one from the field by Company B. This was followed soon after by one from the field by Company A, which put them ahead one point. The excitement was great, being manifected by shouts, hand-clapping and stamping. Some very fast work by both teams followed before any more scoring was done and Company B secured another from the field by a very pretty throw from the center of the room by Borneman which put Company B in the lead. When the first half closed Company B led by five points, the score being 12 to 7. The second half was a repetition of the first half with all players working like Trojans. Company B early demonstrated their superiority by adding several points to the score, though Company A did some scoring also which scared the friends of Company B. Neither side could get far enough ahead at any time to feel sure of the game and emotions of the spectators oscillitated between hope and fear for most of the game. The passing of both teams was splendid and the eye could hardly follow the motion of the ball it traveled with such speed, and the players were moving like lightning in all directions at once, one team working hard for an open shot and just when they would brace for it some exceedinly quick movement of an oppdnent, ever on the alert to frustrate just such an attempt, would block it and create a howl from first one side of the spectators' stand and then the other. To pick out any player and speak of his special work is impossible as all players of both teams played star ball and no on eseemed to have a monopoly on any feature. The final score was Company B, 18; Company A, 11. Company B defeated their rivals in both sessions of this game.

This closes this series with the teams as follows: Company B, won 8 lost 2; Company A, won 6 lost 4; Y. M. C. A. Juniors, won 7 lost 3; Cardinals, won 6 lost 4; Seniors, won 2 lost 8; Eagles, won - lost 9. This gives Company B the championship for the first series and puts them in the final race for the cup whether they should be able to win the next series or not.

It has been decided to play a special game on Friday night, January 3rd, for the benefit of Company B baseball team. The game will be between them and Company A. It has been decided to charge an admission fee of 25 cents for this game and as hundreds have enjoyed the series without cost to them, no doubt they will take pleasure in paying for this game and in this manner help the boys to secure a baseball outfit. Every seat should be taken as an expression of appreciation to these players for the sport which they have furnished for so many weeks. One hundred and fifty tickets will be sold.

Tennis Tournament.

There will be a tennis tournament (men's doubles) played on the courts of the Cape Fear Country Club December 26th, 27th and 28th, open to members and their invited guests. Those wishing to enter are requested to please hand in their own and their partner's name to Mr. C. E. Taylor, postoffice box 157, before the evening of December 25th. The courts have recently been improved and it is hoped there will be renewed interest in tennis. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.

Christmas Slippers
at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Services Tomorrow

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor—Sunday services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Brotherhood Bible Class at 12:20 P. M. Sunday School at 4 and Christian Endeavor at 7:15 P. M. Midweek prayer service at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, followed by teachers' training class.

Wrightsboro, Bethany Presbyterian church—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Andrew J. Howell; also Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M.

Winter Park Gardens, Chadbourn Memorial Chapel. Services tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. J. M. Plowden.

Villa View M. E. church, South, Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. The public cordially invited to attend.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, pastor—Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Sabbath school at 3:30 P. M.; W. C. E. Society at 7:15 P. M.; Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited, seats free.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach in East Wilmington tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Christian church, Dock street near Fourth, H. C. Bowen, pastor—Sunday school 10 A. M., H. A. DeCover, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The Christmas spirit will pervade the services and the music. Christian Endeavor service 7 P. M. Prayer meeting Christmas night: "Jesus the Greatest Soul Winner." The Sunday school Christmas exercises on Friday night. All are welcome and strangers are specially invited.

LEASIA CASE CONTINUED

Little of Interest at Yesterday's Session of Recorder's Court

The feature case in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, that against J. M. Leasia, charged with an assault with deadly weapon upon Jere Carewe, was continued again, and most of the other cases on the docket were continued for one reason or another.

Walter Peterson, colored, charged with the larceny of a load of rock, was found not guilty. One drunk was fined $5 and costs. A case against James Smith, colored, charged with the larceny of some milk, was continued, as was a case against Robert Brown, a blind negro, charged with firing a pistol in the city limits.

In the Leasia case, the defendant is said to be in Norfolk, Va., just now. He is under bond. There is also a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on the docket against him.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Seasonable Admonition From Warren's Steam Bakery

On the eighth page of today's Star Warren's Bakery has a seasonable announcement telling the public that they are ready with a full line of fruit cake, pies and candies for the holiday trade, not to mention "Warren's Bread," which has become a household word in Wilmington. With the most up-to-date equipment of the times, this concern calls special attention to the sanitary conditions under which their products are baked, and announce that mail as well as 'phone orders will have their prompt attention at all times, and especially during the holiday rush, when it is difficult to get good service anywhere.

Dr. Orne Finds Much Interest

Dr. A. S. Orne, who is spending a few days in Wilmington to arouse interest in the movement to have a juvenile court bill enacted for the State at the coming session of the General Assembly and who will speak at the Grand Theatre Sunday afternoon, is very much gratified at the way in which he has been received here. He finds the people much interested in the proposition and is certain that the proposed measure will have the indorsement of all who understand what the establishment of the juvenile court and probation system means. He visited the Grammar schools Thursday and yesterday and speaks in high praise of both Union and Hemenway. In addition to the address Sunday afternoon, Dr. Orne will speak Monday night to the colored people at St. Luke's A. M. E. church.

Christmas Tree Exercises.

A Christmas tree and very pleasing Christmas exercises were held last night at Winter Park Gardens public school. The pretty little building was crowded with patrons and friends of the school. A pleasing programme of songs and recitations was rendered by the children and presents and packages of fruits and candies were distributed from the tree by old Santa Claus, very cleverly impersonated by a gentleman of the community. Following the exercises and distribution of presents, Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of public instruction, was called upon and made a short but interesting talk. The teachers of the school are Mrs. Gertrude Ward and Miss Hazel King.

Store Controversy Settled.

The controversy over the possession of the store at No. 6 South Front street, owned by Mr. A. D. Wessell, and occupied for the past several years by John A. Simon, a Syrian merchant, against whom an execution was issued Thursday, has been settled. Simon will remain in the store, though the firm name has been changed to Samuel Farah & Co., Simon having taken Farah in as a partner.

Could Shout for Joy.
"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at R. R. Bellamy.
(Advertisement.)

BETTER COURT FACILITIES

Bar Favors Increased Number Judicial Districts—Want Federal Court Room Removed to New Customs House.

The bar of the county in session yesterday morning to arrange the calendar for the special term of Superour Court in January, adopted a resolution heartily endorsing the movement to increase the number of judicial districts in the State and authorized the chairman to appoint a committee to appear before the proper committees at the coming session of the Legislature to urge the adoption of such a bill. The bar also went on record as favoring the removal of the United States court room from the postoffice building to the proposed new Customs House, a committee being appointed to draft and present formal resolutions.

The session was therefore of more than usual interest. Eugene S. Martin, the dean, presided. Marsden Bellamy, Esq., who will represent this district in the next General Assembly, stated that a bill will be introduced in the Legislature providing for an increase in the number of judicial districts in the State and that while he favored an increase, he had not committed himself as to the number of new districts that should be made. He thought it well for the bar of the county to express itself with regard to the matter. There followed some discussion as to whether it would be wise to name what particular counties should be in a new judicial district which would embrace New Hanover county. It was finally decided that it would be best not to specify the counties, as this was a matter that could be taken up by the committee later. J. O. Carr, Esq., then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the chairman of the Bar Association appoint a committee of five to appear before the Legislature and ask for better court facilities for the State and especially for New Hanover county, and the chairman of the Bar Association to be chairman of the said committee."

Eugene S. Martin, George Rountree, A. G. Ricaud, John D. Bellaby and W. P. Mangum Turner, Esqs., will compose the committee provided for in the resolution.

Joseph W. Little, Esq., who with Mr. B. F. Keith represented the Chamber of Commerce at the recent hearing before the House Building Committee, in Washington, in behalf of the increased appropriation for the news Customs House, stated that he thought that if the attorneys should adopt a resolution requesting that the United States Court room be located in the new Customs House building that the action would aid materially in securing the increased appropriation. It is desired to secure an addtional appropriation of $350,000 for the Customs House. Mr. Little said that it had been intimated that such an expression would help Congressman Godwin and members of the committee in their efforts to secure the additional amount. W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., said that Senator Overman, while here about 18 months ago, remarked that if the court room was moved to the Customs House it would aid in securing an additional appropriation for the building. A. J. Marshall, Esq., said that he felt certain that if the matter was properly covered in a resolution that Judge H. G. Connor, of the United States Court, and other court officials, would give it their approval. Upon motion of Mr. Marshall, a committee composed of Eugene S. Martin, J. O. Carr and Joseph W. Little, Esqs., was named to draft formal resolutions expressing the sentiment of the bar with regard to the suggestion. The resolutions will be sent to Congressman Godwin and the House committee.

The calendar for the special term of court, which begins January 6th and continues for two weeks with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, presiding, was arranged as follows:

Monday, January 6th—Henrietta Harrell, admx., vs. W. A. Harrell, et al; Murchison National Bank vs. Dunn Oil Mills Company; A. W. Tedcastle & Co. vs. W. C. Thomas & Co.; D. L. Gore vs. Oscar Pearsall, et al; Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company vs. Ida E. Hankins.

Tuesday, January 7th—Jos. H. Brittain vs. S. D. Warfield, et al., receivers S. A. L. Ry.; J. W. Carmichael vs. So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.; J. C. Foster, et al., vs. Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad Co., et al.; J. A. Taylor vs. J. A. Hair.

Wednesday, January 8th — Alex. Sprunt & Son vs. C. C. May; Alex Sprunt & Son vs. J. K. Dixon, et al.; The Worth Co. vs. Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company; C. O. Knox vs. F. J. Gooding, et al.

Thursday, January 9th—Mamie B. Schloss vs. John D. Bellamy; C. F. Southerland, et al., vs. J. W. Mintz, et al.; Fletcher J. Brower vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; D. M. Gregg vs. S. A. L. Railway; Standard Supply Co. vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.

Friday, January 10th—A. D. Hewlett vs. City of Wilmington, et al.; Jane Norman vs. D. T. Franklin; Chicago Belting Co. vs. Standard Supply Co.; Jos. H. Watters vs. Young & Fussell.

Saturday, January 11th — Archer Roberson vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; J. P. Hopewell vs. F. J. Gooding; A. F. Blake vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; J. A. Taylor vs. Alex Newton; Mack Faircloth vs. Mary J. Faircloth, et al.

Monday, January 13th—A. E. Blake vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; A. E. Blake vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; A. E. Blake vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; J. M. Satchwell vs. H. E. Bonitz; Jos. Jones vs. Wynnewood Lumber Co.

Tuesday, January 14th—C. E. Taylor, et al., vs. C. L. Meister, et al.; Eugene S. Knight vs. D. R. Foster & Co.; Daniel Page vs. Alex Sprunt & Son; Frank Wortham, Adm. of Oscar Wortham, vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; American National Bank vs. Victor Typewritter Co.

Wednesday, January 15th—J. T. Dooley, admx. vs. S. A. L. Ry.; J. A. Taylor vs. J. A. Hair; Lilla A. Platt vs. People's Savings Bank, et al.; Mary Edwards vs. Thos. Edwards.

Thursday, January 16th — William Batson vs. Eli Gray; Josephus Bryant vs. Alex Sprunt & Son; Susie D. Benders vs. Annie Rogers, et al.

Friday, January 17th—Northern Fruit Co. vs. A. C. L. Railroad Co.; J. K. Taylor vs. John Thomas; in re will J. C. Hawkins.

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¶The privilege of subscribing for new stock at par to the extent of 10% of your holdings at close of books, Dec. 19th, will not expire until Feb. 3rd, 1913. Warrants will be mailed on Dec. 30th.

¶We shall be glad to attend to any of these exchanges or subscriptions for you.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.
110 PRINCESS STREET

SCHOOLS CLOSED YESTERDAY.

Interesting Exercises Marked Event at High School.

Making the close of the school for the Christmas holidays, interesting exercises were held at the High School yesterday morning, when, for probably the first time in the history of the institution, the programme was rendered completely in German and French. The exercises were participated in by the Junior and Freshman classes, the former rendering their part of the programme in German and the latter in French. Miss Jean Wood, of the High School faculty, was in charge of the exercises.

In addition to the students, quite a number of visitors were present, among them a number of the graduates of the High School, who are home from college for the holidays. Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, was present and by invitation made a short address which was much enjoyed.

All the city schools closed for the holidays yesterday, after a most successful and satisfactory term's work. Both the teachers and pupils enter upon the holiday season with a keen sense of enjoyment. The schools will open again January 2nd, giving a vacation of almost two weeks.

For fine furs see C. H. Fore & Co.
(Advertisement.)

Exercises Monday Night.

The Christmas celebration of Bethney Presbyterian church Sunday School, commonly known as the Wrightsboro Sunday School, will be held at the church, on the Castle Haynes road, Monday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. The exercises will be participated in by the children of the day school at the Lineker school house. Dr. John Thames, of this city, is superintendent of the Sunday School. A very attractive programme has been arranged and the public is invited to attend.

JOHN D. MEARES DEAD.

Prominent in Politics of Wilson County—Died Suddenly.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 20.—John D. Meares died suddenly at his home in this city shortly after midnight last night. His death is attributed to heart trouble. Mr. Meares went to Middlesex yesterday and returned on the midnight train last night. He remarked to his wife that he was very much fatigued and immediately retired. In a few minutes he seemed to be struggling and Mrs. Meares noticed that his eyes were open, but he could not speak. Physicians were called, but when they arrived Mr. Meares was dead.

Mr. Meares was 55 years old and a prominent politician of the county. He leaves a wife and three children.

Christmas Slippers
at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

Buy your Christmas presents from C. H. Fore & Co. (Advertisement.)

ANDREW CARNEGIE DONATES

Makes Possible Conversion of Uncle Remus' Home Into Museum.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—Andrew Carnegie, friend and admirer of the late Joel Chandler Harris, today made possible the plan to convert the author's home into a museum by a contribution of $4,927. A check for that amount was received today by the Uncle Remus Association and was followed by the announcement that "The Wren's Nest" near Atlanta would be purchased immediately. Other subscriptions had been received from all parts of the country by the association.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Have you a cold with a hacking or racking cough, hoarseness, bronchitis, grippe; or an asthmatic or pulmonary cough with sore chest? Has the baby croup, whooping cough or measles cough?

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For Xmas Trade

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To buy your Christmas goods from Gaylord means a saving to you as he sells goods at the lowest possible price and the largest quantity. He is working for the Wholesale as well as the retail trade. Give him an opportunity to prove that he can save you money on your toys.

Gaylord is offering a 20% Reduction in the Coat Suit Department.

In the Millinery Department he has just received a nice line of Velour and Beaver Hats.

In the Furs Department you will find every price from $2.50 a set to $40.00 a set. You will find a large stock of these goods, and if you think of buying a Fur, come to Gaylord's.

The Big Department Store

GEO. O. GAYLORD, Proprietor.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. Louis J. Stein is home from Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to spend the holidays.

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Mrs. Minnie Bidgood has gone to Richmond and other places in Virginia, where she will spend the holidays.

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Savannah Morning News, Thursday: "Miss Martha Gaillard leaves tomorrow to spend the holidays with Misses Katharine and Lily Hammond, in Wilmington, N. C."

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Mr. Chas. L. Terry is at home from A. & M. College to spend the holidays with his mother. Mr. Terry was a member of the A. & M. football squad this season and played in several important games.

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Miss Meta Rountree has arrived from Washington, D. C., where she is attending school, to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rountree, at Carolina Heights.

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Miss Rebie Johnston returned yesterday morning to her home at Littleton, after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. F. A. Fetter, at Carolina Heights. Miss Johnston will return in January for a more extended visit.

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Mr. V. B. McMillan has gone to Lumberton, where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the First National Bank of that place. He has been connected with the American National Bank, of this city, for several years, resigning to go to Lumberton.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. E. V. Brake, of Toledo, Ohio, left yesterday for Wilmington, after spending several days in Raleigh.——Misses Harriet and Helen Day, of Meredith College factulty, left yesterday for Wilmington, where they will spend the holidays."

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Mr. Arthur Bluenthal has arrived from Princeton University to spend the holidays with home folks. For the past two seasons. Mr. Bluenthal played on the Princeton foothal team as center and attracted the attention of sport writers all over the country. He has been picked by many as deserving a place in a mythical All-American team.

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At the regular weekly meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of the First Baptist church last night Mr. W. M. Craig, a ministerial student from Furman University, South Carolina, delivered a most interesting lecture on the subject, "The Making of a Great Life." Mr. Craig is an orator of ability and his lecture was heard with deep interest by all present. The services were well attended.

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MARRIAGE IN FAYETTEVILLE OF INTEREST IN THIS CITY.

The following from Thursday's Fayetteville Observer will be read with interest by many friends in this city:

"A marriage that came as a surprise to their many friends, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, 18th inst., at 4:30 o'clock, when Miss Mary Rhodes Vann, the lovely and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vann, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Ross Hamilton Fetner, of Wilmington, N. C. The marriage took place at the residence of Rev. Joel S. Snyder, pastor of the First Baptist church on Rowan street. The Rev. Mr. Snyder performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in a novelty blue, English serge suit, trimmed with unique pearl tablets. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Fetner drove to the depot, where they boarded the A. C. L. train for Maxton, from which point they will travel by the Seaboard Air Line, for Jacksonville, Tampa and other points in Florida. Mr. Fetner is in the transportation department of the Seaboard, with headquarters at Wilmington. The happy couple will be at home to their many friends after January 1, 1913, at 211 Red Cross street, Wilmington, N. C."

HARVESTER TRUST HEARINGS.

Attorneys Go Into Conference to Check Up Results.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The last of the scheduled hearings in the government suit to dissolve the International Harvester Company as a combination in restraint of trade was held here today. At its conclusion the government attorneys went into conference to check up the results of the hearings in various cities and to decide upon further action.

The final witnesses were officials of the Harvester company. E. M. Wood, secretary of the International Harvester Company of America, the selling branch of the main company, testified that the harvester company had 30,428 agents selling on commission and 36,494 agents on direct sales. Some of these, he said, appeared on both lists.

Benevolence on the part of the harvester company towards planters of hemp in Yucaatn was shown by testimony of H. L. Daniels, head of the fibre and twine department of the International company. Mr. Daniels testified that the harvester company purchased 221,000 tons of "sizal" hemp from Yucatan planters in December, 1909, or more than one-third of the total supply in the world, at a price of 5 1-8 cents, in order to help the industry in Yucatan. Afterward the purchase price went to six cents, it was said. Mr. Daniels testified that the business of planting in Yucatan was in a bad way, with debt and labor troubles and that the harvester company bought a year's supply to put the planters on their feet.

Charles D. Funk, general manager of the harvester company, went on the stand long enough to turn over to the government the rest of the papers and letters demanded by government attorneys at recent sessions, in which they charged the harvester officials were withholding important documents. Some of the records are said to have been destroyed and those handed in today by Mr. Funk completed the files of those which are harvester company admits are in existence.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. A. F. Powell, of Whiteville, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. A. Murphy, of Atkinson, was in the city yesterday.

—Walter H. Powell, Esq., of the Whiteville bar, spent yesterday in the city.

—Among the arrivals at the Southern Hotel yesterday were C. L. Bland, Wallace; T. F. Boyd, Hamlet; A. L. Teachey, Vineland; J. C. Applewhite, J. I. Carroll, Currie; J. T. Culbreth, Scott's Hill; Mr. and Mrs. P. Lennon, Chadbourn; Misses Annie and Alma Pettway, Jacsonville, N. C.; C. L. Williams, Folkston.

WEDDING AT WILSON.

Miss Pauline Woodard Bride of Mr. Geo. Thomas Stronach.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 20.—One of the prettiest church weddings in the history of Wilson was solemnized at the Wilson Methodist church Wednesday night when Miss Pauline Woodard became the wife of Mr. George Thomas Stronach. The wedding followed a number of social functions bespeaking the popularity of the bride.

Before the ceremony the friends of the bridal couple enjoyed a pleasing musical programme, Mrs. Harviss at the organ and Miss Privett with the violin adding to the other features. Mrs. McCarty Hanger, of Washington, D. C., a bride of a few months, delightfully rendered "Beloved, It is Morn," and "A Lovely Night".

It was 9 o'clock when the wedding party preceded by the ushers, entered the church and Rev. M. Bradshaw, using the regular church service, received the vows of the bride and groom.

The attendants were: ushers, Geo. W. Stanton, Leslie Barnes, W. S. Harriss and Dr. C. A. Thompson; bride's maids, Miss Rosalie Smith, of Goldsboro, and Miss Elizabeth Wainwright, of this city; groomsmen, Mr. Van Dalen Stronach, of Raleigh, and Mr. Steve W. Anderson; flower girls, Misses Virginia and Almira Woodard. Mr. W. E. Warren was the best man and Mrs. Robert E. Copeland, of Kinston, was dame of honor.

The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. Charles A. Woodard, of Durham.

Miss Woodard was the daughter of the late Frank J. Woodard and resided with her uncle, Mr. S. A. Woodard, and is one of the most attractive and cultured young women in this community. The groom, Mr. Stronach, is the son of the late Mr. George L. Stronach, of Raleigh, but has made his home in Wilson for several years and is rated among the popular and successful young business men.

Following the ceremony at the church a reception was given the bridal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Woodard. The bride and groom left on the midnight train for a stay of several weeks in Florida.

Miss Nettie Proctor and Mr. Alexander Woodard were married Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. Sanford Woodard, the brother of the groom.

—In accordance with the long established custom of the council a committee from Jeff Davis Council, Junior Order, Thursday afternoon delivered a turkey to each of the 10 widows of deceased members of the council. The committee was composed of Messrs. Walter E. Yopp and B. Frank Brittain, Jr.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—The Swedish steamer Helsingborg, Capt. Meier, arrived yesterday from Nordenhamn with cargo of kainit for the American Agricultural Chemical Co., the vessel coming to Messrs. Heide & Co.

—Complaint was filed in Superior Court yesterday in the case of the Town Creek Railroad & Lumber Co., against Wiley-Harker Lumber Co., Inc., in which action the plaintiff is suing for $2,450.15 for lumber cold and delivered to the defendant company. Rountree & Carr appear for the plaintiff.

PURPOSE OF TAFT'S TRIP

See If Time Is Opportune In Panama For Civil Government

Jacksonville, Fla., December 20.—Whether the time is now opportune for the establishment of civil government in the Panama canal zone is the purpose of the present trip of President Taft to that region. The President announced this in a speech here tonight, it being the first explanation that he has given of the purpose of the visit.

"You may think I could ascertain this as well in Washington, but I don't know," said the President. "At any rate I am going and I expect to issue the order creating the new government in the zone if I find conditions warrant it."

Today's visit was the first that President Taft has made to Florida since he became the Nation's chief executive. He has now visited every State in the union since he became President with the exception of North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, introduced the President to the audience that greeted him here tonight in the Shriners' Temple. It was the first speech that the President has made since he left Washington on his present trip and it was but a few minutes in length, the President and his party spending only an hour in the city. Preceding his address Mr. Taft was taken for an automobile ride about the city. Crowds lined the streets, cheering the President.

The President, in his speech, praised Jacksonville's efforts to build municipal docks and said that the question of municipal functions was a serious one.

"They are finding it so in New York," said the President, "for she is beginning to suffer because she did not make the outlay years ago to acquire property for docks and wharves."

The President and his party left tonight for Key West, Fla., from where they will sail for Panama tomorrow on the United States battleship Arkansas.

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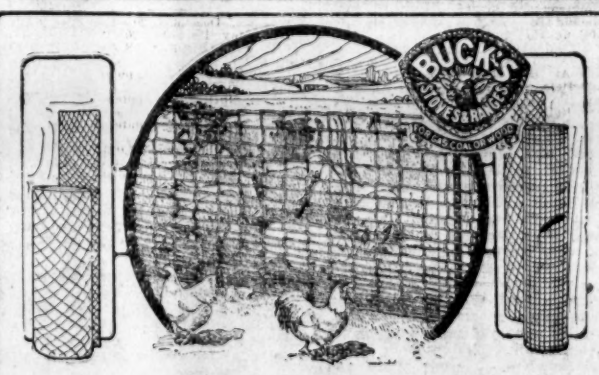

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Financial and Commercial

A SHARP BREAK IN COTTON

Cotton Ginning Figures Were in Line With Bullish Expectations But Market Broke Under Pre-Holiday Realizing.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Census cotton ginning figures published this morning were considered quite in line with bullish expectations, but the market broke sharply under heavy pre-holiday realizing or Wall Street selling, and closed steady at a net decline of 14 to 18 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of one point to a decline of two points and immediately began to work lower. Cables were somewhat disappointing and, while the amount of cotton ginned to December 13th, was said to indicate a falling off amply sufficient to confirm the recent government estimate of the crop, the showing failed to inspire much fresh buying for long account, owing to, partly, perhaps to the approach of the holidays. Some of the most prominent buyers recently were supposed to be reducing their lines and local traders said that a considerable long interest had evidently been waiting for a bullish census report to realize, while it was also rumored that certain Wall Street interests were taking the short side, owing to the absence of more active demand. After selling off to a net loss of 15 to 21 points, the market rallied slightly and closing prices were a shade up from the lowest on active positions on covering. Aside from the ginning report there was no particular feature in the day's news. Southern spot advices generally indicated an unchanged situation in the interior, while the relatively easy showing of Liverpool was attributed to continued scattering liquidation.

Spot closed quiet. Middling uplands, 13.10; do. gulf, 13.35. Sales, 200 bales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.78	12.82	12.69	12.68
Jan	12.84	12.86	12.70	12.73
Feb	.....	N.....	.....	12.63
Mar	12.82	12.83	12.63	12.68
Apr	.....	.....	.....	12.66
May	12.81	12.84	12.61	12.68
June	12.72	.....	.....	12.58
July	12.72	12.74	12.52	12.59
Aug	12.57	12.58	12.46	12.46
Sept	12.00	12.04	12.04	11.96
Oct	11.95	11.91	11.80	11.81

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 12⅞; net receipts, 16,908; gross receipts, 16,908; stock, 48,404; continent, 21,150.

New Orleans—Quiet, 12⅞; net receipts, 8,921; gross receipts, 8,938; sales, 775; stock, 222,241; Great Britain, 16,500; continent, 726.

Mobile—Quiet, 12 13-16; net receipts, 336; gross receipts, 336; sales, 435; stock, 41,720; constwise, 37.

Savannah—Quiet, 12⅞; net receipts, 4,955; gross receipts, 4,955; sales, 2,275; stock, 166,545; continent, 6,144; coastwise, 3,207.

Charleston—Quiet, 12 11-16; net receipts, 1,581; gross receipts, 1,581; stock, 71,577; constwise, 152.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 1,973; gross receipts, 1,973; sales, 55; stock, 20,140.

Norfolk—Steady, 12 13-16; net receipts, 3,679; gross receipts, 3,679; sales, 1,651; stock, 70,984; constwise, 480.

Baltimore—Nominal, 13; net receipts, 2,082; gross receipts, 2,082; stock, 6,513; constwise, 4,247.

New York—Quiet, 13.10; net receipts, 350; gross receipts, 6,650; sales, 200; stock, 106,434; coastwise, 5,195.

Boston—Quiet, 13.10; net receipts, 524; gross receipts, 7,200; stock, 7,841; continent, 200.

Philadelphia—Steady, 13.35; net receipts, 25; gross receipts, 25; stock, 6,950.

Texas City—Net receipts, 1,921; gross receipts, 1,921; stock, 63,046.

Brunswick—Net receipts, 5,877; gross receipts, 5,877; stock, 22,894; coastwise, 997.

Aransas Pass—Net receipts, 713; gross receipts, 713; stock, 4,266; Great Britain, 900; continent, 2,083.

Newport News—Net receipts, 3,500; gross receipts, 3,500; coastwise, 3,500.

Jacksonville—Stock, 2,042.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 53,945; Great Britain, 17,400; France, 2,083; continent, 28,220; stock, 1,297,241.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 359,615; Great Britain, 70,763; France, 20,571; continent, 137,366; Japan, 25,243; Mexico, 1,100.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,621,925; Great Britain, 2,183,956; France, 691,319; continent, 1,880,147; Japan, 111,067; Mexico, 1,000.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 12⅞; net receipts, 10,944; gross receipts, 10,944; shipments, 11,228; sales, 2,446; stock, 157,134.

Augusta—Steady, 12; net receipts, 1,500; gross receipts, 1,692; shipments, 1,912; sales, 3,022; stock, 119,921.

Memphis—Quiet, 13⅛; net receipts, 4,757; gross receipts, 8,352; shipments, 4,488; sales, 1,300; stock, 161,261.

St. Louis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 170; gross receipts, 11,903; shipments, 12,029; sales, 28; stock, 17,790.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 1,706; gross receipts, 1,706; shipments, 835; stock, 13,545.

Little Rock—Quiet, 13; net receipts, 869; gross receipts, 869; shipments, 1,520; stock, 46,528.

Louisville—Firm, 13¼; net receipts, 84; gross receipts, 84; shipments, 8; sales, 206; stock, 210.

Total today—Net receipts, 20,120; gross receipts, 35,350; shipments, 32,620; sales, 7,002; stock, 516,389.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—After a listless forenoon, the grain markets became suddenly active and firm today, all going higher—wheat ⅞ to 1⅛c; corn, ⅝@⅔, and oats, ⅛ to ¼@⅜c. up. Provisions rose, 7½ to 17½@20c.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.09@1.10½; No. 2, hard, 88@91; No. 1, Northern, 88½@89½; No. 2, do., 87½@88½.

Corn—December, 48⅝; May, 49⅝; July, 50.

Oats—December, 33⅛; May, 33⅝@33½; July, 33½@33⅝.

Pork—January, 18.10; May, 18.22½.

Lard—January, 9.97½; May, 9.97½.

Ribs—January, 9.80; May, 9.80.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, December 20.—Money on call, firm, at 4¼@5 per cent.; ruling rate, 4¾; closing bid, 4½; offered, at 5. Time loans, weaker; sixty days and ninety days, 6 per cent.; six months, 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.81 for sixty-day bills, and at 4.8545 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.80½. Bar silver, 63. Mexican dollars, 49¼.

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THE WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

New Prices for the Season Were Made Early in the Week—Pre-Holiday Realizing Caused Considerable Reaction.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton made new high records for the season early in the week with Spring deliveries selling at 13 cents on active trade buying and covering, but pre-holiday realizing then became general, while there was also considerable pressure from bearish Wall Street sources and in spite of light ginning returns, prices have suffered considerable reactions. The census report, showing 12,424,853 bales ginned to December 13th, was about in line with bullish expectations and the falling off as compared with the returns of the previous period was said to be even greater than required to confirm the government's crop estimate of 13,820,000 bales. Excluding linters, the average amount of lint cotton ginned after December 13th, for the past seven years has been only 1,342,000 bales. Some, however, were inclined to attribute the very light returns to unfavorable weather and probably the most general effect of the figures was to increase confidence in the approximate accuracy of the official forecast, or in a commercial crop of about 14,250,000 bales. As if reflecting the decreasing ginning, the into-sight movement is now beginning to run much smaller, and after having shown an excess of nearly 250,000 bales over last season, exports are also beginning to fall off, while the census figures on supply and distribution indicate that American mills added largely to their raw material supply during November and at the beginning of this month held practically three months' requirements. Domestic mill consumption so far this season has been at the rate of about 5,700,000 bales per year, and bullishly disposed traders are still comparing the big estimates of the world's needs with the indicated crop and emphasizing the predicament in which those who may have sold for forward delivery to spinners, might find themselves, should Southern spot holders become still firmer in their price views. On the other hand, with the size of the crop practically determined, claims are heard that bullish features have been discounted and that the price is high enough to induce the cultivation of a largely increased acreage next Spring.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

New York, December 20.—Flour steady.

Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red 1.08 and 1.09; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 98 1-4.

Corn—Firm, 55 1-4.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Dull.

Hides—Easy.

Leather and Petroleum—Firm.

Wool—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, steady; Rio, 7s 14 1-4; Santos 4s, 16 1-8; mild coffee, quiet; Cordova, 16 1-2 to 18; Havre, unchanged; Hamburg, unchanged to 1-4 pfg. lower.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Peanuts and Freights—Unchanged.

Cottonseed Oil—Firm early on covering of shorts, firmer crude markets and the strength in lard, but the list eased off in the afternoon under selling for outside long account and with the decline in cotton. Closing prices were unchanged to five points net higher; sales 9,000 barrels. Prime crude, 5.20 to 5.34; prime Summer yellow, spot, 6.25 to 6.35; December 6.30; January, 6.24; February, 6.25; March, 6.26; April, 6.27; May, 6.35; July, 6.36; prime Winter yellow and Summer white, 6.25 to 7.00.

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW

Retail Business On Immense Scale—Wholesale Distribution Slow

New York, December 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly Review of Trade, tomorrow will say:

Retail trade, especially that of a holiday character, is on an immense scale, but wholesale distribution and industrial output show some letting up in volume of transactions, a development quite usual at this season of the year, when annual settlements and accountings are approaching. The fact is that the country is carrying over into the new year a greatly enhanced buying power, due chiefly to the big crops—both the output and the value of the leading products of the soil reaching unprecedented figures this year.

As against the confidence thus inspired the political developments abroad serve to cause some uncertainty. Iron and steel production is practically up to capacity and the leading interests are far behind on deliveries.

While the primary dry goods markets are seasonably quiet, they continue firm and retail trade is better than at this time a year ago. The general situation is regarded as encouraging and jobbers and retailers are doing a good business. Export trade is quiet though some inquiries have been received from China.

Business in footwear is generally dull. There has been no check to the declining tendency of all kinds of hide and stock.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, quiet; machine barrels, 42.

Rosin—Steady.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, firm, at 38½@38¾. Sales, 537; receipts, 455; shipments, 424; stock, 34,806.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 3,808; receipts, 2,750; shipments, 4,022; stock, 154,064. Quote: A, B, 5.65@5.70; C, D, 5.67½@5.77½; E, 5.70@5.77½; F, G, 5.75@5.85; H, 5.77½@5.85; I, 5.80@5.95; K, 6.35; M, 7.00; N, 7.25; W G, 7.35; W W, 7.45.

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Thrilling story film produced by the Melies Company, at The Grand today.

(Advertisement.)

TONE OF STOCKS WAS FIRMER

In the Strength and Breadth of the Market There Were Indications of a Readjustment—Trading Was Light.

New York, Dec. 20.—In the strength and breadth of today's movement in stocks there were indications of a readjustment of the speculative position along more favorable lines. The upturn was more convincing than yesterday's by reason of its inclusive character and the sustained firmness of the market throughout the day's trading. While it was apparent that covering of short contracts entered into during the recent decline was partly responsible for the strength of the market, the upward trend was too broad and resolute to be attributed to speculative confidence.

Stocks of all descriptions, including the railroads, the steel and copper shares and miscellaneous industrials shared in the rise. Union Pacific rose to 160 7-8, a gain of 10 points from its recent low level, and of 3 points on the day. Gains elsewhere were smaller as a rule, but there were no weak spots among the active issues.

Despite the uniformity of the increase, trading was not heavy and there were no signs of rampant bull speculation. Uncertainty as to the course of money during the closing days of the year served as an effective check to active bidding.

The expected flow of cash from the interior probably will be recorded in tomorrow's bank statement, according to today's forecasts.

The bond market showed increased strength, with a good distribution of demand. Total sales, par value, $2,285,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales today 541,200 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	70⅝
American Agricultural	56
American Beet Sugar	52½
American Can	31
American Can, pfd	116½
American Car and Foundry	54⅞
American Cotton Oil	56
American Ice Securities	19
American Linseed	11⅝
American Locomotive	42⅝
American Smelting and Refining	73
American Smelting and Refining, pfd	103½
American Sugar Refining	117½
American Tel and Tel	140⅝
American Tobacco	279½
Anaconda Mining Co	39½
Atchison	106¾
Atchison, pfd	101⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	131⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	105
Bethlehem Steel	36½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88⅝
Canadian Pacific	259⅜
Central Leather	28⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	79¼
Chicago Great Western	16⅜
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	112⅝
Chicago and North Western	137
Colorado Fuel and Iron	34⅝
Consolidated Gas	140½
Corn Products	14½
Delaware and Hudson	163
Denver and Rio Grande	20⅜
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	38⅛
Distillers' Securities	22½
Erie	32
Erie, 1st pfd	49¼
Erie, 2nd pfd	39¼
General Electric	184½
Great Northern, pfd	135¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	42
Illinois Central	126¼
Interborough-Met	18⅛
Interborough-Met., pfd	62¼
Inter Harvester	112½
Inter-Marine, pfd	19¼
International Paper	12½
International Pump	19
Kansas City Southern	26½
Laclede Gas	102¼
Lehigh Valley	171⅝
Louisville and Nashville	140⅝
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	139¾
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	27¼
Missouri Pacific	42⅛
National Biscuit	125
National Lead	56¼
Nat. Rys of Mexico, 2nd pfd	27⅝
New York Central	108½
New York, Ont. and Western	31⅞
Norfolk and Western	113
North American	80½
Northern Pacific	121⅜
Pacific Mail	30
Pennsylvania	122
People's Gas	112
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	102
Pittsburg Coal	25⅝
Pressed Steel Car	34½
Pullman Palace Car	161
Reading	160¼
Republic Iron and Steel	26¼
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	84⅝
Rock Island Co	24⅛
Rock Island Co., pfd	44¼
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	30½
Seaboard Air Line	18⅞
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	44½
Southern Pacific	106⅞
Southern Railway	28⅛
Southern Railway, pfd	80½
Tennessee Copper	39
Texas and Pacific	22½
Union Pacific	160⅞
Union Pacific, pfd	71½
United States Realty	73½
United States Rubber	66
United States Steel	68⅝
United States Steel, pfd	109⅝
Utah Copper	58
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	44
Wabash	4
Wabash, pfd	13½
Western Maryland	47½
Western Union	73⅜
Westinghouse Electric	80⅛
Wheeling and Lake Erie	8

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, December 20.—Cotton, good business done. Prices steady. American middling fair, 7.56; good middling, 7.31; middling, 7.11; low middling, 6.95; good ordinary, 6.47; ordinary, 5.99. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,500 were for speculation and export and included 9,000 American. Receipts, 9,000 bales, including 3,600 American. Futures opened quiet and steady and closed quiet and steady. December, 6.88; December and January, 6.86; January and February, 6.84; February and March, 6.83; March and April, 6.82; April and May, 6.81; May and June, 6.79½; June and July, 6.77½; July and August, 6.75; August and September, 6.65½; September and October, 6.47; October and November, 6.39½.

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REPORT ON COTTON GINNINGS

Census Bureau Announces Total to December 13th, 12,424,853 Bales—Less Cotton Ginned—Comparisons With Other States

Washington, December 20.—Less cotton was ginned during the period from December 1st to 13th this year, than last year, the total having been 570,312 running bales, compared with 953,920 bales last year. The census bureau's report issued this morning announced 12,424,853 running bales had been ginned during the present season prior to December 13th, compared with 13,770,727 bales for the same period last year. The average ginnings per working day during the period December 1st to 13th, was 57,031 bales, compared with 95,392 bales last year. The daily ginnings, however, were more than in 1910 and 1909 but less than in 1908 and 1907.

The seventh cotton-ginning report of the census bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 12,424,853 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1912, had been ginned prior to Friday, December 13th, to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 89.0 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to December 13th there had been ginned 13,770,727 bales, or 88.5 per cent of the entire crop; in 1908 to that date, 11,904,269 bales, or 91.0 per cent, and in 1906 to that date 11,112,789 bales, or 15.6 per cent.

Included in the ginnings were 75,772 round bales, compared with 92,790 bales last year, 106,486 bales in 1910, 140,024 bales in 1909 and 215,059 bales in 1908.

The number of Sea Island cotton bales included were 58,804, compared with 98,035 bales last year, 85,177 bales in 1909, and 80,316 bales in 1908.

Ginnings prior to December 13th by States, with comparisons for last year and other big crop years and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to that date in those years, follow:

	Ginnings.	Per Ct.
Alabama—		
Year:		
1912	1,223,336	.....
1911	1,561,136	92.1
1908	1,205,953	95.0
1906	1,018,955	91.6
Arkansas—		
1912	700,874	.....
1911	746,802	82.2
1908	247,312	85.1
1906	673,030	75.3
Florida—		
1912	52,882	.....
1911	81,952	86.7
1908	64,131	90.8
1906	55,916	91.0
Georgia—		
1912	2,1,696,899	.....
1911	2,517,857	90.1
1908	1,808,036	94.5
1906	1,514,637	92.8
Louisiana—		
1912	364,113	.....
1911	340,304	89.4
1908	435,093	93.4
1906	764,850	80.0
Mississippi—		
1912	884,992	.....
1911	996,691	85.2
1908	1,441,947	89.6
1906	1,184,914	79.9
North Carolina—		
1912	820,249	.....
1911	913,944	91.1
1908	615,736	90.1
1906	540,524	89.4
Oklahoma—		
1912	404,347	.....
1911	862,638	84.9
1908	514,595	93.1
1906	643,067	73.0
South Carolina—		
1912	1,127,480	.....
1911	1,423,383	84.1
1908	1,134,183	93.3
1906	858,828	91.80
Tennessee—		
1912	312,341	.....
1911	360,510	83.8
1908	302,627	90.6
1906	220,552	75.3
Texas—		
1912	4,370,543	.....
1911	5,802,143	94.0
1908	3,568,874	92.9
1906	3,485,565	88.1
Other States—		
1912	77,800	.....
1911	103,257	74.3
1908	62,956	87.4
1906	47,462	69.5

The ginnings of Sea Island cotton, prior to December 13, by States, follow:

Years:	Fla.	Ga.	S. C.
1912	19,565	34,337	4,762
1911	38,691	63,099	4,793
1910	27,542	49,044	12,135
1908	32,698	41,049	12,781

The next ginning report will be issued Thursday, January 9, at 10 A. M., and will announce the quantity of cotton ginned prior to Wednesday, January 1.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, December 20.—For the week ending Friday, December 20:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week, 359,615.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year, 466,712.

Total receipts since September 1st, 6,621,925.

Total receipts to same date last year, 6,788,820.

Exports for the week, 225,043.

Exports for same week last year, 354,038.

Total exports since September 1st, 4,818,089.

Total exports same date last year, 4,721,295.

Stock at all United States ports, 1,297,241.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year, 1,548,927.

Stock at all interior towns, 793,945.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year, 938,615.

Stock at Liverpool, 1,179,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year, 733,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 308,000.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, December 20.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	2,493,077
New Orleans	867,964
Mobile	148,756
Savannah	924,950
Charleston	248,483
Wilmington	281,852
Norfolk	352,198
Baltimore	44,188
New York	6,517
Boston	21,232
Newport News	38,307
Philadelphia	576
San Francisco	80,786
Brunswick	195,969
Pensacola	86,570
Port Arthur	62,996
Jacksonville	11,660
Texas City	496,385
Laredo, Tex	249
Tacoma	14,287
Aransas Pass	30,564
Seattle	15,404
Minor Ports	2,219
Total bales	6,621,925

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, December 20.—The cotton goods markets were quiet and steady. Cotton yarns were firm. Foreign wool markets were firm and Americans have been buying South American grades freely of late. Jobbers reported a light year-end trade.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 21, 1912.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 35 degrees; at 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, .95.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday.

Port Calendar—Dec. 21.

Sun rises	7:14 A. M.
Sun sets	5:07 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	7:26	7:43	12:35	2:45
Southport	5:05	5:22	11:38	11:57
Masonboro Inlet	4:36	4:53	11:09	11:28

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 20, 1912.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature. Highest today.	Temperature. Lowest last night.	24-hour precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	48	36	.0
Asheville	cloudy	48	30	.0
Atlanta	cloudy	56	32	.0
Augusta	pt cldy	58	32	.0
Birmingham	cloudy	56	36	.0
Boston	cloudy	40	36	.0
Charleston	cloudy	58	36	.0
Charlotte	cloudy	56	30	.0
Chicago	cloudy	34	30	.0
Galveston	cloudy	62	50	.0
Jacksonville	clear	58	58	.0
Memphis	cloudy	52	40	.0
Mobile	cloudy	56	40	.0
Montgomery	cloudy	60	38	.0
New Orleans	pt cldy	64	52	.0
New York	clear	42	30	.0
Oklahoma	clear	44	28	.0
Pittsburg	cloudy	40	26	.0
Raleigh	pt cldy	54	30	.0
Savannah	clear	60	38	.0
Shreveport	raining	60	38	.04
St. Louis	clear	42	34	.0
Washington	clear	52	28	.0

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Str. King George (Br.), 2,480 tons, Burnett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Kylestrome (Br.), 2,105 tons, Muir, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Perry Setzer, 1,268 tons, Blake, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Richard F. C. Hartley, 398 tons, Swain, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Victor C. Records, 263 tons, Griffith, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Louise F. (Br.), 160 tons, Albury, Maffitt & Wood.

Barques.

Bk. Madura (Nor.), 1,023 tons, Brandt, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady at 38¼.

ROSIN—Steady, at $5.60.

TAR—Firm, $2.20 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $3.00 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip; $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine, .48; rosin, $6.10; tar, $1.80; crude turpentine, $3.50 for hard; $4.50 for dip; $4.50 for virgin.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	1
Rosin	4
Tar	26
Crude Turpentine	21

Receipts same day last year, 15 casks spirits turpentine; 9 barrels rosin; 54 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal.

Same day last year, 8¾.

Receipts, 1,973; same day last year, 2,751 bales.

Total receipts since Sept. 1st, 281,822 bales.

Total receipts same time last year, 329,670 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

CORN—Firm; 90c. per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, 85c. to 95c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, dull, 50 to 60c.

BEEF—On foot, good demand, 3@4c. per lb.; dressed, 8c.

PORK—Dull, 9 to 10c.

WOOL—Burry, 15 to 18c. per lb.; free of burr, 25c. per lb.

HIDES—Green, 11c. per lb.; dry, 13 to 16 2-3c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 19 to 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 13½ to 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; 27@28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; 4½ to 5c. per lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, very dull; grown, 45 to 50c. Chickens, Spring, 18 to 35c. per head. Turkeys, on foot, dull, 18c.

SHEEP—Old, $1 00@2.50; lambs, $1.00@3.00.

EGGS—Dull, 25c.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,779 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 4 barrels rosin; 26 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—194 bales cotton.

Total—1,973 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 4 barrels rosin; 26 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 16.

Market—Steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.40; machine-picked, $1.05.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine picked, $1.05.

Virginias—Prime hand-picked, 70c.; machine-picked, 65c.

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FOR CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY.

Progressives Appoint Committees to Forward Work of Organization.

New York, Dec. 20.—With the announcement that it had been decided to establish publicity headquarters in Washington and with the appointment of various committees to forward the work of organization, the executive committee of the Progressive party adjourned a two day session here late today to meet again on January 10th.

In a statement tonight the committee announced the personnel of the party's legislative committee, with Dean William D. Lewis, of the University of Pennsylvania, as chairman. Chairmen of other committees, the personnel of which will be decided upon later, were named as follows:

Finance, Elon H. Hooker, of New York; publicity, William Allen White, of Kansas; organization, Walter Brown, of Ohio.

Establishment of a Progressive service branch was authorized with Miss Frances A. Keller in charge as director. Embraced within this Progressive service will be the following bureaus:

Education, in charge of Samuel McCune Lindsay, of Columbia University; social and industrial justice, in charge of Jane Addams; conservation, in charge of Gifford Pinchot; popular government, in charge of George L. Record, of New Jersey; cost of living, and corporation control, in charge of Charles S. Bird, of Massachusetts.

The members of the executive committee, besides Dean Lewis, the chairman, are Dean George W. Kirchway, of Columbia University; Prof. Charles E. Merriam, of Chicago; Herbert Knox Smith, of Connecticut; Gifford Pinchot, of Washington; Dr. Walter Weyl, of New York; Jane Addams, of Chicago; James R. Garfield, of Ohio; Henry F. Cochems, of Wisconsin; Francis J. Henery, of California.

The committee, it was stated, also hopes to obtain the co-operation and advice of Dr. Charles McCarthy, director of the legislative reference bureau of the University of Wisconsin, who, at the request of the Progressive National Committee at its recent Chicago meeting, outlined a general scheme for a legislative reference bureau for the Progressive party.

Permanent headquarters will be maintained in New York, with branch headquarters at Washington. The publicity bureau at the National capital is to be opened at once, it was announced, with O. K. Davis in charge.

REVENGE PROMPTED MURDER.

Chicago Diamond Merchant Killed in Office at Noon.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Revenge, according to the police, prompted the murder of J. H. Logue, a diamond merchant, who was killed in his office in the McVicker Theatre building, in the center of the shopping district, about noon today.

There is no clue to the slayer or slayers. Logue is said to have been responsible for the sentencing of some diamond thieves to prison in 1905 or 1906, and police are working on the theory that they, having regained their freedom, have been implicated in the killing. The police believe a woman may have been included in the plot, because Logue was gagged with a black ribbon.

Seventeen knife wounds were in his body, which caused the revenge theory to be above announced. He also was shot in the right shoulder, but the wound would not have caused death, physicians said. His mouth was burned with acid and his skull crushed. Part of Logue's right thumb was almost severed, indicating a hand-to-hand struggle.

Whether robbery entered into the crime has not been determined. The office safe was locked, but bloody finger prints and a bloody rag were found inside. Clean impressions of the prints were obtained and the police hope they may prove a valuable clue.

Logue never carried a very large stock of goods. He was a jobber and purchased diamonds and other jewelry only as he thought he saw a ready market for them.

Immediately after hearing of the murder, Chief of Police McWeeney ordered 250 extra policemen from outlying districts to report to him to aid in the search for the slayers.

Stephen Doizo, a 16-year-old office boy and Logue's employe, found the body upon returning from lunch. When Doiza was questioned by the police he told of returning to the office and finding the shade to the front door down and the lock fastened. Entering with a pass key, he saw the body of his employer lying in a corner partly covered with a newspaper. Doiza then spread the alarm.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

Court Badly Divided on Whiskey Case from Newbern.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—The North Carolina Supreme Court delivered its final batch of opinions today, and will adjourn sine die tomorrow, probably four cases going over undecided on account of disagreement among the jurists. One of these is State vs. Jno. H. Fisher, cashier, and Mutual Aid Banking, Co., Newbern, in which the defendants were acquitted below of criminal liability for collectinb draft of a Richmond liquor house for whiskey shipped for Carl Spencer, minor, shipment being "order notify" bill of lading attached to draft. The court affirmed Mrs. Spencer vs. Cashier Fisher, in which she sued Fisher for selling whiskey to her minor son in which the court below entered judgment for Fisher.

The opinions delivered by the court follow: Bateman vs. Hopkins, Tyrrell, motion of plaintiff for decree in this court allowed; Corey vs. Fowle, Beaufort, no error; Spencer vs. Fisher, Craven, affirmed; Shaw vs. Bridgers, New Hanover, reversed; Menefee vs. Cotton Mills, Alamance, no error; Beck vs. Bank of Thomasville, Davidson, error; Greer vs. Lumber Co., Ashe, new trial; Scottish Fire Insurance Co., vs Stuyvesant Insurance, Mecklenburg, no error; Roberts Manufacturing Co., vs. Assurance Co., Mecklenburg, plaintiff's appeal affirmed. Charlotte company's appeal affirmed.

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MAKE CLOSING ARGUMENT.

"Dynamite" Attorneys Deny Aid Indicted Guilty Knowledge.

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—Denial that aid in raising a defense fund for the McNamara brothers by the labor union officials now on trial should be taken as an indication of guilty knowledge of a "dynamite conspiracy" on the part of 40 defendants was made by attorneys for the defense in their arguments before the Federal jury today.

"It has been repeatedly charged by the government that these defendants showed their implication in the dynamite plots because of their efforts to help the McNamaras while the McNamaras were locked up in Los Angeles and before they pleaded guilty," said M. C. Tifft, Minneapolis, continuing the argument for the defense. "Having every confidence that J. J. McNamara, their brother union official was innocent, it was the duty of these defendants to help them."

"The very enormity of the crime at Los Angeles, the very boldness and extent to which explosions secretly had been carried on for years made it unthinkable that the secretary of the Iron Workers' International Union committed them or caused them to be committed. Had the defendants raised a defense fund after the McNamara brothers pleaded guilty then they would have been subpect to criticism, but not otherwise. John J. McNamara was the brains of the plots and these men, scattered over the country, were not closely enough acquainted with him to have become associated with his criminal acts."

Defending Charles N. Beum, Minneapolis, and Fred J. Mooney, Duluth, whom he specially represented, Mr. Tifft said they had no knowledge of any $1,000 a month used by McNamara for dynamiting purposes.

Attorney J. G. Leffler replied to statements by the district attorney that most of the defendants were "walking delegates, and business agents who did not work, but who used the funds of labor unions to further their own ambitions.'

"The business agent has a mission," said Mr. Leffler. "His mission is to procure for laboring men the wages which laboring men otherwise would not get."

United States Senator John W. Kern will argue for the defense next Monday. He will be followed by the closing statements of the government. All of the argument is to be concluded by next Thursday, when the only detail remaining before the jury retires will be the instructions of Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson.

THE COTTON MOVEMENT.

Hester's Statement Shows Decrease in Movement Under Last Year.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement issued today shows for the 20 days of December a decrease in the totals under last year of 158,000 and for the 111 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the 111 days of last year 28,000. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 537,444 bales, against 623,998 for the seven days ending this date last year, 547,638, and for the 20 days of December it has been 1,618,625 against 1,776,260 last year.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 6,619,343 against 6,688,346 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 465,316 against 459,686 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 697,117 against 833,616 last year; Southern mills' takings 1,106,000 against 934,428 last year.

The total movement for the 111 days of the season from September 1st to date is 8,887,776 against 8,916,076 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 256,161 against 337,403 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,904,545 against 4,601,212 last year.

The total takings of American mills, North, South and Canada thus far for the season have been 2,274,321 against 2,102,365 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 85,141 bales against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 100,034, and are now 427,224 larger than at this date in 1911.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 9,252,489 against 9,203,050 for the same period last year.

GLENLUI'S CABIN DESTROYED

Vessel Moored at Newport News Pier Fired by Overheated Stove

Newport News, Va., December 20.—Fire originating from a stove which became overheated, today practically destroyed the cabin of the Norwegian full-rigged ship Glenlui, moored at the piers of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. The fire was extinguished by tugs before it could spread. The Glenlui was recently in collision with the steamer Noruega and was brought here in a sinking condition.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 20.—Governor Wilson motored home from Trenton tonight with a packet of documents and letters which he said he intended to read tonight. He announced that Speaker Champ Clark would visit him at Trenton next Tuesday and that he had telegraphed Representative Underwood and was waiting to hear from him as to a convenient date for a conference.

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Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Governor Hooper, as president of the Southern Sociological Congress, has called a meeting of the executive committee of that organization for December 23rd in Nashville. At the meeting it is understood the committee will accept an invitation from Atlanta to hold the next annual gathering in that city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bijou—Motion Pictures.
Hewlett & Price—Substantial Gifts.
C. C. McDonald—McDonald's Specials.
Wilmington Iron Works—The Iron Men.
American National Bank—The Dollar Mark.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Printer.
L. T. New—Nuts.
Lost—Steel Purse.
L. T. New—Table Butter.
L. T. New—Country Eggs.
Mercer & Evans—Good Shoes.
L. T. New—Florida Oranges.
Palace Confectionery—Candies.
Standard Mercantile Co.—$30 Weekly.
Brooklyn Candy Store—Fruit and Candy.
A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co.—Holly Ice Cream.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, but a small charge for strictly Messenger Service calls will be made, or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams; bills rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union." But for advertisements, always call the Star office, No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

NUTS—15c, 17 1-2c and 20c lb.; layer raisins, 10c lb.; bucket candies, 10c., 12 1-2c, 15c, 17 1-2c and 20c lb.; fine Baldwin apples, 40c peck; large bananas, 15c dozen. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de21-1t

FLORIDA ORANGES—Large size, sweet and nice, 20c doz.; $1.50 per hundred, delivered anywhere in the city. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de21-1t

TABLE BUTTER, 30c lb.; granulated sugar, 6c; 12 lbs. T. W. flour, 40c.; native country sides and shoulders, 15c lb.; hams, 18c; fine yam potatoes, 25c peck. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de21-1t

GOOD SHOES—Of all kinds, for everybody. "Not cheap shoes, but good shoes cheap." Large lot just received. See them. Mercer & Evans Co. de21-2t

COUNTRY EGGS—Guaranteed, 30c doz.; 3-lb. can tomatoes, 10c; pink salmon, 10c; Autocrat coffee, 30c lb; Spring chickens—some that are fine and any size you want. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de21-1t

GOOD SHOES—Of all kinds, for everybody. "Not cheap shoes, but good shoes cheap." Large lot just received. See them. Mercer & Evans Co. de21-2t

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS candies and fruits from Crystal Palace Confectionery, 115 Market street. de21-3t

GOOD SHOES—Of all kinds, for everybody. "Not cheap shoes, but good shoes cheap." Large lot just received. See them. Mercer & Evans Co. de21-2t

LOST—Near the corner of Chestnut and Eighth, a steel purse containing a sum of money. Return to 113 N. Eighth street. Reward. de21-1t*

GOOD SHOES of all kinds, for everybody. "Not cheap shoes, but good shoes cheap." Large lot just received. See them. Mercer & Evans Co. de21-2t

PRINTER WANTED to set 15 galleys 9 and 10 pt. weekly. Permanent position for reliable party; splendid future. No cigarettes or whiskey. Living expenses low. State salary, age, experience, reference. O. B. Denton, Troy, N. C. de21-2t*

FRUIT AND CANDY—Please give us a trial of our choice fruit, fresh candies, etc. Brooklyn Candy Store, 721 N. 4th street. 'Phone 1125-J. de21-6t*

HOLLY ICE CREAM for Christmas. Pure sweet cream daily. Chocolate, vanilla and strawberry ice cream for Sunday. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co., 20 N. 2nd street; 'phone 485. de21-1t*

$30 WEEKLY for taking orders for cut rate groceries. Outfit free. Sugar, 4 cents; everything cut rates. Experience unnecessary. Standard Mercantile Company, East Ninth street, Cleveland, Ohio. de21-1t*

TODAY we have a lot of fine dressed and live turkeys; also several hundred chickens and fresh country eggs at wholesale and retail. Give us your orders early. 'Phone 294. Thomas Grocery Co., 525 N. Fourth street. de20-2t

DON'T MISS a great opportunity. Fresh Clover Bloom butter, one lb. prints, this week, only 35 cents. It's the very best to be found. Large supply of wild duck and turkeys on hand. All kinds of cakes. Palace Market, 'phone 72. de20-tf

AUTOMOBILE FOR HIRE.—Call at Rainbow Cafe, Burgaw, N. C. Will take passengers to any part of surrounding country at reasonable rates. W. N. Rivenbark, Prop. de20-tf

TO THE PUBLIC—Through my friends, I wish to announce myself a candidate for councilman from the Fifth Ward. J. C. Vereen. de20-4t*

WANTED—First class stenographer, female. One familiar with billing, filing and general office work. Positon permanent, and splendid opportunity for an applicant who can furnish the proper references. Address "C-23," care Star. de20-6t

ANYONE wanting contractor for unloading coal, wood, sand, iron, cross ties; call at H. Smith, 422 Nutt street. de20-1t*

JUST RECEIVED — New shipment of cowboy suits, Indian suits and rough riders. On display at J. H. Rehder & Company's. de20-1t

FOR SALE—Brand new cottage house, modern and up-to-date in every respect, located No. 706 Orange street. Will be finished and ready for occupancy about December 20th. J. Irving Bear, Real Estate, Insurance. 'Phone 443. de19-3t

THE CHRISTMAS TREES—We have a fine lot just received by New York steamer. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street; 'phone 1576. de18,19,21-3t*

WANTED AT ONCE—100 to 500 cords short leaf pine. Address Box 187, Wilmington, N. C. oc31-tf

WANTED—Locomotive engineer for logging woods. Experienced and strictly sober. Whiteville Lumber Co., Whiteville, N. C. de15-6t

YOU WANT the top market for your eggs, poultry, pork, beef or anything you have. Ship to R. B. Moore & Co., wholesale produce, commission merchants, 117 N. Water. oc27-tf

15TH SERIES B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1913. Mechanics' Home Association. Walker Taylor, President; L. Stein, Vice-President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary and Treasurer. no30-out,su-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of all cars. Electric lights and hot water. Steam heat. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient, $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. de8-1mo

OAK, PINE, ASH and blackjack, soft and chestnut coal; also lightwood and slabs sawed in foot lengths. Call 'phone 656 for prices. Quick service. Consumers' Wood & Coal Co. no28-tf

MORE WOOD—My slab wood is getting very short, now, but "Oh You" oak, ash and pine. Call the same old 'phone, 431, and we will get a wiggle on to deliver your wood. M. H. Croom, Southwest corner Water and Chestnut. de1-tf

FOR SALE at a bargain. Five-passenger E. M. F. 30 touring car, in good condition and fully equipped. Will sell or exchange for real estate. Address "Bargain," care Star. de5-tf

WILL PAY YOU to look over our line of watches, diamonds and jewelry of all kinds. You will save money by seeing Uncle Charles, at 16 South Front street. de18-tf

GUNS OF ALL MAKES — Remingtons, Ithacas, A. H. Fox, Parker, and L. C. Smith, at a bargain at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 16 South Front street. Look for the yellow front. oc3-tf

FOR SALE — Everything good to eat. Quail, turkey, New River and Norfolk oysters, all styles; club sandwiches a specialty. We have the cleanest place in town. Come in. The Everglade. Tom and Frank Shepard. no24-tf

GOOD DINNER—Daily from 12 to 3, 35c.; get everything good to eat any time. Cooking and service unexcelled. Open from 6 A. M. to 12 P. M. Savage & Savage, 5 Princess street. de13-1mo

PHOTO. SHOP — Christmas portraits a specialty. Quality unexcelled. Prices $3.00 to $30.00 dozen. Prompt delivery. Front and Princess Streets; 'phone 864. Dushan & Hodges, Proprietors. no28-1mo

MECHANICS' HOME Association. New series B. & L. stock, January 1st, 1913. 108 Princess street. no30-out su-tf

PATRONIZE the Delicatessen. A full line of groceries, nuts, raisins, mince meat, plum pudding and everything good for your Christmas dinner. H. May, 130 Market street. 'Phone 1322. de18-6t

FOR SALE—At rare bargain for quick turn-over, E. M. F. Roadster, Model 1912. Going to be sold at once. Apply 114 Princess street, or 'phone 771. oc23-tf

WANTED TO BUY, in car lots, for cash, red cedar boards or squares. McEwen Lumber Company, Azalea, N. C. no22-1m*

FOR RENT—From October 1st, store and cart house, corner Seventh and Market streets. An old established stand. One of the best in city. Apply to Eduard Ahrens, care Ahrens Bros. se6-tf

ANY YOUNG LADY who wishes to take a business college course will find it to her interest to write at once to Littleton College, Littleton, N. C., for special Christmas offer. Every young woman who has satisfactorily completed this course at Littleton College now has a good position, and positions are guaranteed to all graduates of this department. de17-tf

Splendid Gifts

SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS!

For every member of the family—for Mother or Sister;

Shoes, Evening Slippers to match their gowns -all colors, $3.50. Felt Slippers, $1.00 to $1.50.

For Brother or Father: Shoes, Hunting Boots, Rubber or Leather House Slippers—leather or felt, $7.50. Shoe Trees, 50c. and $1.00. Doll Shoes, all colors, 25c.

HEWLETT & PRICE

24 NO. FRONT.

Christmas Goods

300 Boxes 3-Crown Raisins.
200 Boxes 2-Crown Raisins.
50 Boxes Seeded Raisins.
100 Boxes Cocoanuts.
50 Bags English Walnuts.
25 Bags Brazil Nuts.
100 Barrels Baldwin Apples.
50 Boxes Oranges.
300 Cases Evaporated Peaches.
50 Cases Evaporated Apples.
200 Bags Sun Dried Apples.

Orders probptly filled. For any of the above goods at rock bottom prices.

D. L. GORE COMPANY
Wholesale
Grocers and Importers.
Wilmington, N. C.

SERVICE

Our service to you is what we know it ought to be—what you want it to be—and what you will be delighted to experience. Courtesy, promptness, willingness to give you just what you want as quickly as proper attention will permit—these are points in a service that we know will please you and that we are proud to offer you.

MISSION PHARMACY

MOST ACCEPTABLE X-MAS GIFT.

DIAMONDS

in Rings, Bar Pins, Pendants and Brooches, add a daintiness no other precious stone can give. We have the assortment and the quality.

A pleasure to show you

A. O. Schuster
JEWELER,
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Football Days at Cornell.
See the Beautiful XMAS Trees at the
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THE IRON MEN

We, the dealers in all kinds of Iron, Steel and Machinery, desire to extend to our friends and customers a Merry Xmas and Prospeerous New Year.

We are enlarging our plant, carrying a larger stock than ever, and we are better prepared to serve you for the year of 1913.

Deal direct with us. We lead.

WILMINGTON IRON WORKS
Orange and Water Streets.

YOU EYE TEETH

that are discolored, broken or decayed with considerable disgust. As you regard others, so others will regard you.

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only to those who have them attended to. Suppose you commence looking after yours. You can come here and have them put in first-class condition. Whatever is to be done we do quickly and painlessly. And we perform no service for which our charge is more than moderate. All work guaranteed. Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty.

DR. CULBRETH'S Dental Parlors
Front and Princess Street.

STATEMENT CONDITION

The Murchison National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,

At the Close of Business November 26th, 1912.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	$4,326,202.83
U. S. Bonks (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	73,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	147,717.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,459,710.18
	$6,557,630.51
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	$ 825,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	527,843.13
Circulation	550,000.00
Special Deposit, U. S. Bonds	100,000.00
Deposits	4,554,787.38
	$6,557,630.51
DEPOSITS:	
November 26th, 1908	$2,971,810.82
November 26th, 1910	4,144,900.07
November 26th, 1912	4,554,787.38

H. C. McQUEEN . . . President
J. V. GRAINGER . . Vice-President
J. W. YATES . . . Vice-President
C. S. GRAINGER . . . . Cashier

$ THE MOST POPULAR TRADE-MARK IN THE WORLD!

—IS IT YOURS?—

You will never get ahead in this world unless you save money. That's true.

If you can't save much, save a little. Deposit your savings with us and watch them grow. In just a little while you will have a good, substantial bank account.

One dollar will open a Savings Account here. We'll pay 4 per cent interest on your money, too. Don't wait until tomorrow or next week—start the account today.

The American National Bank
OF WILMINGTON.

Eat, Drink and Be Merry

AND WHEN YOU EAT

Try WARREN'S BREAD, WARREN'S CAKE, FRUIT CAKE A SPECIALTY, ALSO PIES, CANDIES, ETC., ETC.

WE SOLICIT YOUR CHRISTMAS BUSINESS.

Out of Town Orders carefully Filled. | WARREN'S BAKERY | 'Phone Orders Promptly Attended To.

Say "Yes" to Them

Don't Make the Children Wait Any Longer for Their

PIANO

We have just received our Christmas Holiday Stock.

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW.

All Pianos Selected Now can be Held for Future Deliveries. Buy the Old Reliable Stieff or Shaw Piano. That Stands This Climate Best and Last a Lifetime.

Special Attention given Out-of-Town Trade.

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BRINGS RESULTS

With a Little Fixity of Purpose You Can Own a Growing Bank Account.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

279 Boxes L. L. Raisins.
111 Boxes Seeded Raisins.
97 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
29 Boxes Brazil Nuts.
72 Boxes Oranges.
67 Bbls Apples.
15 Bbls Stick Candy.
40 Pails Mixed Candy.
61 Pails Love Drops.
37 Pails C. C. Ices.
29 Pails Chocolate Drops.

W. B. Cooper Co.
Wholesale Grocers.
Wilmington : : : N. C.

Holiday Goods

100 Barrels Apples.
100 Crates Oranges.
100 Sacks Cocoanuts.
300 Boxes Raisins.
75 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
1500 Pounds Brazil Nuts.
150 Boxes Stick Candy.
75 Boxes Mixed Candy.
50 Tubs Broken Mixed Candy.
25 Pails Crescent Creams.
25 Pails Creamed Peanut.
25 Pails Butter Kisses.
50 Pails Cocoa Ices.
50 10-pound tubs G. M. Butter.
100 20-pound Daisy Cheese.
50 20-pound Golden Rod Cheese.
100 Boxes Assorted Cakes.

All of which will be sold on a close margin and all orders filled promptly.

J. W. BROOKS
Wholesale Grocer,
WILMINGTON, N. C.